

LOCAL WEATHER

Fair tonight and probably Friday. Not so cold.
Today's temperatures: 6 a. m., -19; 8 a. m., -21; 1 p. m., -6.

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PEACE FOR WORLD OR AMERICA IN WAR

WILSON PROFFERS GOOD OFFICES OF U. S. FOR PEACE

WILSON SENDS NOTE TO WARRING NATIONS AND SEES NEUTRAL SUPPORT

Plea That Belligerents Parley on Peace Terms and Hint at World Guarantee of Peace Contained in Note to the Warring Nations

CONFIDENT OF ACCOMPLISHING PURPOSE

Action Came as Bolt From Clear Sky, But the President Acted on Presumption that Move Would Not Be Unwelcome to the Warring Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has taken the first move of neutrals toward restoring peace.

In notes addressed to the rulers of the belligerents the president urges immediate parleys with immediate presentation of peace terms, and when the war is ended, plans for a world guarantee of peace.

Determination to launch his pronouncement was received suddenly, although he had contemplated such action for several weeks.

The change in the announced policy of this government to act merely as messenger for the belligerent powers remains an enigma, but it is assumed that the president received assurances such an "entering wedge" proposal would not be received in an unfriendly spirit by any of the belligerents.

In making his first formal effort to get a statement of peace terms from the belligerent powers and to evolve from the European war means of preventing a similar world tragedy, President Wilson acted with knowledge that the other world neutrals would stand behind him, it was stated Thursday.

Confident of Success
He has the greatest confidence the efforts will succeed.

Official and diplomatic Washington, scarcely recovered from the startling development of his sending a peace note to all countries, awaited with anxiety the first response from belligerent nations to the president's suggestion for peace definitions.

The president's action came out of a clear sky. He expressed this country's "intimate interest" in the war's conclusion thus:

"Least it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which he beyond its conclusion."

"Least the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and

"Least an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired."

The president has made it clear many times that he would make no such move unless he was assured of its definitely accomplishing its purpose.

Optimism at German Embassy
In diplomatic circles the president's move was discussed with mixed feeling. There was outspoken optimism at the German embassy.

Comment was made on "the studied language" of the note and it was pointed out that the president's views on future guarantees squared with those of Lloyd-George.

At the British embassy, however, it was stated as Lloyd-George pointed out in his historic address, that the president's request for specific terms was a matter of more vital concern to France and Russia, whose territory has been invaded, than to Great Britain, whose interests are less concerned with territorial adjustments. Attention was directed in this connection to reports that the czar had pledged himself to consider no peace not based on German evacuation of Russian provinces.

Germany May Be Hindrance
Germany, in spite of the optimism of the embassy here, may prove the first stumbling block to President

Private Advices Say British Officials Are Highly Displeased At Wilson's Peace Message

DOCTORS' OFFICE ROBBED OF ENTIRE STOCK OF "DOPE"

Every Grain of Prohibited Drug and Derivatives Taken from Evans, Bannen & McGarty Laboratory

WORK OF PROFESSIONAL

Police Believe Job Done by Member of Band of Illicit Traffickers in Drugs

"Dope," which in the market of the underworld will bring its possessor hundreds of dollars, was stolen from the office of Drs. Evans, Bannen & McGarty on the fifth floor of the State bank building on Tuesday night, it became known on Thursday, when Dr. Evans reported the loss to the police. The discovery of the robbery did not come until Wednesday, when occasion to use some of the drugs for an anaesthetic brought to light the fact that the laboratory had been entered.

Every Grain of "Dope" Gone

Morphine, cocaine, novocaine, heroin, apomorphine—every grain of the prohibited drug and its derivative that was in the office of the physicians was taken by the thief. That the work was not that of an amateur or an addict driven to desperation by unsatisfied craving is believed from the manner in which the robbery was done. A small chisel mark on the front door of the office was the only trace left by the thief. Nothing had been disturbed in the office. It was apparent that the thief had conducted a careful search of the premises. A shelf-corner in the laboratory, upon which were grouped all the hypodermic drugs used in practice, had been emptied. Nothing else was out of place. But even a bottle of strychnine which stood with the vials of "dope" had been carried off.

Professional Work

Chief of Police John B. Webber, after examining the offices and ascertaining that the crook had entered by springing the lock on the front door with a chisel, was of the opinion the job was the work of one of a band of professional drug traffickers, several of which have been exposed since the enforcement of the Harrison anti-drug law made "dope" a precious article for its slaves. He is inclined to think that the thief is not a local man. Immediately upon the report of the robbery, Chief Webber sent detectives to all physicians' offices in the city, believing that the operations of the dope dealer might have been extended over a wider field. None of the other physicians, however, reported any attempt upon their shelves.

The authorities recalled that recently a band of drug sellers was exposed and convicted in Minneapolis. At their trials it was stated they had operated throughout the northern part of Wisconsin and Minnesota, stealing morphine and other opiates from drug stores and physicians' offices, to sell again at extraordinary prices to addicts who found no other way to get their "dope." The underworld market, it was proven, quotes morphine, etc., at prices several times that brought in legitimate sales.

Drug Firm Twice Robbed

Since the passage of the Harrison law, the Spence-McCord Drug company here has twice been robbed of its narcotic drugs. On one occasion the thieves were traced to the Twin cities, but eluded arrest.

WILSON'S MESSAGE NOT YET RELEASED IN BRITISH CAPITAL

Note Has Been Received at the Foreign Office But the Contents Are Not Disclosed

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Private messages received here Thursday stated that men high in British government councils had openly expressed the most intense indignation at the action of President Wilson in addressing his peace message to the belligerents. This attitude may be responsible for the action of the British government in refusing to permit the publication of the Wilson message in London Thursday.

Message Not Released

LONDON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's message to the belligerents had not been released for publication here at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The note has been received at the foreign office but its contents remained undisclosed.

It is apparent from the above dispatch that the British censor has held up all press dispatches from the United States regarding the message.

The United Press cabled the note Tuesday night to its clients in both London and Paris. Up to an early hour Thursday afternoon, however, no word of acknowledgment had been received from Paris. Cables from both France and England were silent so far as comment on the note was concerned. Obviously no comment, official or otherwise, will be available in London until the message is released by the censor.

Condemned by Canadians

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 21.—President Wilson's message to belligerents was condemned by such Canadian officials as would discuss it, and by the dominion press Monday.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, characterized the note as "gratuitous" and "inopportune."

Hon. F. G. McDiarmid predicted the message would be strongly resisted.

Under the heading, "President Wilson Starts His Knitting," the Morning News interprets the peace move as merely safeguarding the interests of the United States, which feels that the allies in ending the war, will make far reaching trade deals among themselves, barring out neutral nations who do not play a part in maintaining the liberties of the world.

The Star resents "interference by outsiders" but points out that Wilson may have been bringing great pressure to bear on the German government.

Secretary Plans To Supplement Note Explanation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing plans to issue a statement probably late Thursday, supplementing his announcement of the morning when he explained President Wilson's communication to belligerents.

This decision developed following a conference between Lansing and the president in the afternoon. While the nature of the supplementary statement has not been made public it is expected to clear up the uncertainties as regards this government's real attitude, resulting from Lansing's declaration earlier in the day.

GOODFELLOWS, WILL YOU LET THESE LITTLE ONES GO HUNGRY CHRISTMAS DAY?

This is the last call to The Good Fellows of La Crosse. "They have answered the call valiantly," said Miss Nadia Thomas, secretary of the Associated Charities, on Thursday, "and it seems an imposition to tax them further, but the fact remains that there are several families in the city who are going to be without Christmas dinners, and there are also going to be a good many kiddies who won't be visited by Santa Claus without the further assistance of The Good Fellows and whose stockings will be empty on Christmas morning."

Miss Thomas is desirous of securing the names of a few persons who will volunteer to care for a few families. The charities secretary wants dinners prepared for these and toys secured for the children.

The Good Fellows' efforts have resulted in filling the coal bins of a score of poor families in La Crosse and Miss Thomas even has a few dollars of this fund left, but she does not want to take it for other purposes than that for which it was given.

Good Fellows! Here's Your Chance!

LOCAL SHIPPERS FEAR WEST-BOUND FREIGHT EMBARGO

Union Pacific Leads Off and if Other Railroads Follow City's Trade Will Suffer

SITUATION PUZZLES ROADS

Agents Here "Up in the Air" to Know What Freight May and May Not Be Accepted

The eyes of La Crosse shippers were on the Burlington railroad on Thursday. Predictions of railroad men are that the "Q" will be the next road to place an embargo on shipments of all competitive freight to western points. The prediction followed the announcement that the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific railroad, two of the biggest roads in the west, on Wednesday had put into effect an embargo on competitive freight movements over the full extent of their lines.

Until January 7, and probably later, the Union Pacific will decline to handle any freight except local shipments which cannot be transported over the lines of competitors. This bars shipments to Pacific coast ports.

The opinion that the Burlington may follow the suit of the Union Pacific springs from the fact that the Burlington is likely to get much of the tonnage that otherwise would go over the Union Pacific.

Tangle Worst in History

This order and others issued with in the last few days reveals the fact that the shippers of the United States are in the tangle of the greatest blockade in the history of American railroading.

"It is the worst condition I have ever seen, or heard of," said H. B. Smith, Burlington freight agent at La Crosse. "The difficulty began," Mr. Smith said, "through an inability to unload freight in the east. With the coming of this cold snap, no one knows where the trains stand. We have not placed a west-bound embargo yet, and it is hard to say whether we will or not. Anything may happen."

Railroad men in this city are "all up in the air" regarding their ability to accept freight offered for shipment, as a result of the car shortage situation. At the freight offices of all railroads, piles of embargo notices from all over the country, covering every conceivable commodity over practically every railroad, are on file. Before accepting a shipment, the clerks must ascertain that it is not prohibited by one of the multitudinous embargo notices. Even if the way is found to be clear, acceptance of a shipment does not guarantee its delivery, for embargo notices covering new territory come in on every mail, and the embargoes frequently apply to shipments in transit as well as prohibiting future acceptance of freight. The situation is such that on practically all long-haul freight, there is no certainty of delivery. Shipments may not reach their destinations for months, it is said by traffic experts in the city.

West-bound Embargo Had Blow
If the embargo on the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line should prove the forerunner of similar action by other western roads, commerce of local manufacturers is likely to suffer a severe blow. The embargo on east-bound freight, up to the present, has worked little damage, because few local manufacturers ship in large quantities except west, northwest and south from here.

Applied only to shipments, as originally laid, applied only to carload shipments. It is being daily amended, however, with additional strictures on movement of various classes of "less than carload" freight, and the situation is gradually tightening up. Should a similar status be reached with west-bound freight, the pinch would be a matter of grave concern to La Crosse industry, it was said.

REPORT AUSTRIAN CABINET FORMED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—Clem Martinits has formed a new Austrian cabinet, dispatches here Thursday from Vienna said.

Failure of Dr. von Spitzmueller to form an Austrian cabinet were reported in dispatches from Vienna via Amsterdam.

LANSING OPENLY HINTS STATUS CANNOT LONG CONTINUE WITHOUT WAR

Show-down of Belligerents Because of Critical Position of the United States is the Real Purpose Behind Peace Note.

NOT CONNECTED WITH LATE MOVES

Says German Peace Proposals and the Speech of Lloyd-George Has Nothing to Do With Note, Which Was Sent Monday Night

BY ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A show-down by belligerent countries because America's rights have been invaded and because this nation feels this cannot go on long, is the real purpose behind President Wilson's note dispatched to the warring powers, Secretary Lansing said Thursday.

Lansing said frankly matters could not continue to go on much longer as they had been and that this nation had been "drawing nearer to the verge of war."

Lansing authorized the following statement as being the real purpose behind the Wilson message:

"Our rights have been invaded and the situation is becoming so intolerable that it cannot go on long."

"More and more our rights are invaded by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war and therefore are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

"It was not our material interests that were considered when we said that the situation might become intolerable. We have prospered by the war, but our rights have been invaded."

Lansing emphasized positively that the German peace proposal and that the Lloyd-George speech had nothing to do with the dispatch of the Wilson note except possibly to delay sending it.

On this point he authorized quotation as follows:

"No nation has been sounded on this matter and we did not know in advance what Lloyd-George would say. And there was no consideration of German overtures or the speech of Lloyd-George in connection with formation of this note."

"The only thing the German overtures did was possibly to delay the note a few days."

"It was not finally decided to send this until Monday. (The note was sent Monday night and Tuesday morning). The difficulty that faced the president was that the note might be construed as a movement for peace, and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denied that that was a factor in the communication itself."

Previous to authorizing the above quoted statement Lansing had talked more freely than usual and in the same tenor.

It had been suggested to him that the United States really was in no position to stop the war unless the belligerents themselves desired to end it; to this he hinted that if the United States were to enter the war it would turn the scale definitely and he emphasized that there was a feeling of danger that the country would be drawn in.

He had also said that there was in the administration's mind no purpose to suggest peace in any way.

On the contrary he explained that what had been generally interpreted as a desire to learn the peace terms of both sides was in reality an effort to ascertain "what would satisfy the belligerents as to ending the war," but with the viewpoint of rendering the position of neutrals less intolerable.

Lansing's whole talk emphasized the idea that "we will have to do something" if American rights are further invaded and if both sides continue infractions of international law which involve American lives, property and rights.

Lansing delivered a printed copy of the note to each of the diplomats, but as far as was learned, did not give them the explanation of its intent that he had previously given to the press.

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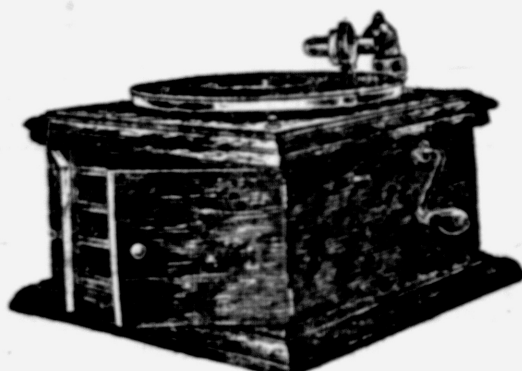
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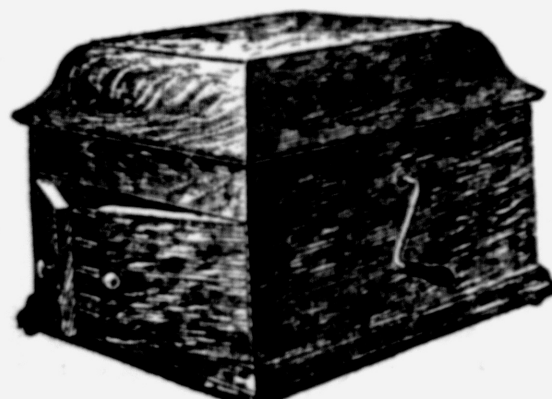
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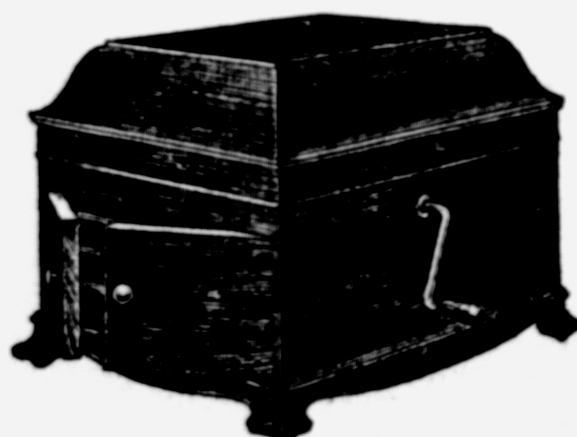
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Frank H. Burgess

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of December, 1916.

James Thompson

Notary Public.

CAN'T EXPECT FARMERS' TRUST TO RESULT FROM MERGER OF GRAIN MEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—No farmers' trust will result from the merger of the co-operative grain association of Alberta and Manitoba, because the largest of Canadian grain growers' companies has refused to merge, but offered to federate with the others, according to information of the Chicago organ of co-operative grain interests, the American Co-operative Journal.

The Saskatchewan organization will refuse to amalgamate with the Alberta and Manitoba organizations," an official report said.

The growth of the co-operative movement among the farmers of Canada has been so lusty that already their organizations have become factors in politics. The provincial government in Saskatchewan maintains organization work and aids the farmer in his buying and selling operations.

In a report of President T. A. Orerar of the Grain Growers Grain company, he said that 1916 was the most successful year in the 10 years' history of the company's business. The operation of the big terminal leased from the Canadian Pacific railway was very profitable, more than 28,000,000 bushels of grain having passed through it. This elevator has been leased from the Canadian Pacific railway for another five years. In the co-operative supply department the handling of farm machinery to the extent of \$278,000 resulted in a loss owing largely to war conditions in the interruptions of business.

Lumber, twine, coal, apples, flour and other supplies to the value of over \$1,000,000 were also handled and the whole co-operative supply department showed a small profit.

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WILLIAM WELSTER

INHERITED TEMPERS

That a tendency to bad temper runs in families is the contention of Mr. G. Davenport, writing in the Popular Science Monthly. He gives diagrams to prove that it may even be a "dominant" trait. In one family the violent temper ran through five generations, ending in a woman who is in an insane asylum from this cause.

Mr. Davenport extends some hope, however, to the afflicted inheritors. By close attention to health, getting enough sleep, taking prolonged soothing baths, and acquiring the habit of ignoring irritating situations, they may be able to help themselves a little. Where they seem too weak-minded to do this, he advises custodial care.

A strong case may be made out for inheritance. But educators are discovering that many of the habits and tendencies once thought inherited are in reality merely picked up by imitation. Children are almost incredibly imitative. Expressions, tones of voice, characteristic poses and moods are repeated by them as in a mirror. Temper is one of the traits most likely to be thus acquired, for two reasons. First, there is the natural tendency to copy. If Father rages and roars and throws things, the child will do likewise. Besides this, anger means inharmonious. It breeds anger. It takes more self-control than any little child possesses to give the soft answer which turneth away wrath. If Father rages, if Mother becomes irritable and fretful, the child's passions will be roused. He will stamp his foot at Father—and if whipped in anger, will but resolve to get even in the future. When nagged at by Mother, he will sulk and whine.

If an adult has—whether by heredity or environment or ill-health or lack of training in control—managed to acquire that inexcusable vice, a habit of violent temper, he need not pass it to his offspring. If he will adopt the old-fashioned rule of counting twenty before he speaks, one hundred before he acts, when a fit comes on, he will save himself remorse, and his children from his affliction.

Fresh air, proper food and sleep will help. The tempery child is probably getting too much sugar and too little out-door play. Or too little sleep and too much movies—which are hard on growing eyes and nerves. A tantrum does not call for whipping, but for swift undressing, warm bath, warm milk and nap in a darkened, well-aired room.

WIVES AND BUSINESS

"The women of the United States have more to learn about their husbands' money than the men have to learn about getting it," writes Charles M. Schwab in a magazine article about his 20,000 partners. "That is, men are getting more out of their earning capacities than their wives are getting out of managing the money.

"I have seen more men fail in business through the attitude taken by their wives in their younger days than from all the vices put together. A nagging wife, or one who is not in sympathy with a man's work, who expects impossible things of him, and is incapable of taking a general intelligent interest in his work, is one of the worst handicaps he could have. If a man works with his mind clogged by domestic troubles he is of no use to himself, his employer, or the world at large.

"I don't suppose that a wife, ordinarily, should try to tell a man how he should conduct his business; but she should be interested in it, and it will pay him to keep her educated about it."

This, from a man who knows as much about the success of individual workers as Mr. Schwab does, is authoritative. Moreover, it forms another argument for the choosing of a business woman as a wife.

It is not the fault of the sheltered girl that she so often fails as a helpmeet; it is an exceeding triumph for her when she succeeds. But how can the girl who knows nothing of money except that when she needs it her father hands her some, know anything of the cost of money in toil and brains? How can she be expected to manage on a limited salary?

The girl who has been earning her own bread and butter knows what work means. She knows what fatigue means. She knows what it means to a man to find the salary coming out even with the expenses, the joy of a bank balance, and the value of sympathy and pride in work well done.

A SHORTAGE OF CAPITAL

A few years ago it was commonly said that there was an over supply of capital. Savings and other banks competed for chances to lend their money.

Today there does not seem to be capital enough in the country to float all the good enterprises. In a great many places there is a scarcity of houses for people to live in. But no one seems to have the money to build enough of them. Railroads are unable to get credit for needed equipment and the farming industry is hampered by the high rates on mortgage loans.

What is to become of the increased gains of farmers, food producers and manufacturers; also of the better wages received by so many skilled artisans? Will all this increment be swallowed up by higher cost of living? Will it be paid for automobiles and other luxuries? Will it go into wild cat speculation, and be gathered in by smooth promoters for investment in impossible schemes? Or will the banks and substantial enterprises get their share, so that railroads can be extended, farms improved, houses built, and manufacturing plants be established?

On this depends the answer to the question whether our prosperity is to be permanent or not. If all our new money goes out as fast as it comes in, always being expended for new gratifications or for visionary projects, nothing is added to the productive power of the country.

The results of a spendthrift policy are disastrous both for the individual and the nation. There must be a constant addition to capital to keep up the advances of modern science, increase of population, demands of foreign trade, and to make good the wear and tear of daily use. If these constant additions to capital are not provided, the people cannot be kept at work.

Thus the results of national extravagance cut two ways. They deplete the individual income, and they restrict all productive enterprises and limit employment.

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THE TRIBUNE'S DAILY TRAVELETTE

(By Hirsch)

BERNALILLO

Now that the southwest is coming in for so much attention from tourists, travel writers, archaeologists and health seekers, it is not more than fair that the ancient city of Bernalillo, N. M., should be made known to fame. As is so often the case with the really old and picturesque spots, it is a stranger to the peering eyes and all-recording kodak of the tourist, and it shows absolutely no tendency to advertise.

Bernalillo is a little town of about a thousand souls, practically all Mexican, just twenty miles from Albuquerque, the metropolis of New Mexico, and on the main line of a great transcontinental railroad. What is more, it was there before Albuquerque was thought of, and it has not changed greatly since its founding. At Bernalillo you may see the life of New Mexico as it was after the days of the conquistadores, and before the Missourians and Texans began moving in.

The town is strewn all along one somewhat crooked thoroughfare which is heavily shaded in summer by the generous spread of very old cottonwood trees. The low adobe houses are generously far apart, each surrounded by its purple tinted alfalfa patch, its little square of orchard and its chile field. There are several very old churches and a church school that has been there so long and gone about its business so quietly that no one seems to know much about it. The life of the place moves to a leisurely tempo. Men squat in the shade of the adobe walls puffing little brown cigarettes, or playing at game of pitching coins into holes; black shawled women pass silently up and down the street; perhaps a rippling flock of sheep from the hills beyond is driven through the town. That is about all.

Once Bernalillo was a great center of the sheep industry, and one man who lived there, was accounted the greatest sheep owner of his time. His fortune has been divided among many descendants, now, and the family, like most of the other old Spanish families, has lost its baronial position and power. Modern Times have also brought Bernalillo a big trading store, and the lands of the valley are probably better farmed than ever before. But the leisurely Spanish ways of the place, and its curious sixteenth century aspect have remained unchanged.

FIGHTER FREED IN RING DEATH

DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—Death from cerebral hemorrhage was the verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the death of Young Joe Rivers of Albuquerque, following his fight with Jack Britton, Pacific coast lightweight, here Monday night. The jury exonerated Britton.

BUTTER BOYCOTTED IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Butter joined eggs Wednesday on the boycott list. For at least four weeks a state-wide boycott against butter is the latest device of the housewives to combat the high cost of living.

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OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

By Harrie Lammis Smith

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"Sorry to keep you waiting, but you were half an hour ahead of the time I said."

Robert Hornblower, who had that repressed and submissive air not infrequent in husbands whose wives make a boast of their womanly subjection, mumbled that it didn't matter. As he helped her to her seat, Persis noticed that he had lost flesh since she had seen him last, and that some plow-share, sharper than that of time, had deepened the furrows that criss-crossed his sagging cheeks. "How're the crops coming on?" she asked, as she settled herself beside him.

"Fine!" Mr. Hornblower spoke with a lack of reserve unusual in his pessimistic profession. "Potatoes ain't quite up to last year, but the corn crop's a record breaker."

"Miss Hornblower's knee trouble her much?"

"Well, no, not to say trouble." Mr. Hornblower plucked his disengaged hand and cast a thoughtful glance at his companion. "She's a little uneasy in her mind though. Miss Hornblower is. She's got an idea in her head and it keeps her as uneasy as a flea. If she should open up to you, maybe you'd see your way to say something kind of quieting."

"But what's she got to worry about?"

"That's what I say," said Mr. Hornblower, gesturing with his whip. "We're comfortable and prosperous, ain't we? Maybe there's a way to get more. I don't say there ain't. But what's the use of more, when you've got enough? The house suits me just as 'tis, and my victuals suit me, and my friends that I've summered and wintered with, forty years and over, they suit me, too. What do I want of a villa, or of trips to Europe, where the folks talk all kinds of heathenish gibberish instead of good United States?"

"But I don't see how—"

"Maybe she'll open up to you," repeated Mr. Hornblower, lowering his voice though such a precaution was obviously unnecessary. "Mind I don't say it ain't a pretty scheme. Anyhow, it looks good on paper. But with me the points just here—enough's enough."

Persis found Mrs. Hornblower more communicative than her house. As all roads lead to Rome, so, with Mrs. Hornblower, all topics of conversation led directly to the subject uppermost in her thoughts. The inevitable discussion of the prevailing modes led by a short path to Persis' full enlightenment.

"I want it fixed real tasty, Persis, for all it's not a new dress. I've had it going on four years, but I've been sparing of it and careful, so it's not like a dress you wear for getting supper and for trailing round in the yard after the dew falls. Robert's always been fond of this dress. I s'pose I'm kind of foolish to humor him so, but I'm always careful about consulting his tastes. Seems as if a wife had ought to be satisfied if she dresses in a way that pleases her husband."

"Sometimes I've thought," replied Persis, as she turned the pages of her latest fashion magazine, "that when it comes to women's clothes, men don't know what they do like. If a man goes with his wife to buy a hat, nine times out of ten, he'll pick out the worst-looking thing in the shop, and then he'll wonder why she's falling off in her looks. Now, Miss Hornblower, what do you think of this panner style? Taking out the extra fullness from the back and using it in folds, I could hide where it's getting worn on the seams."

"I s'pose we'd have a better choice of styles by waiting for next month's book," said Mrs. Hornblower, regarding the model Persis had indicated with an evident lack of favor. "But my plans are so unsettled that I want to hurry through my dress-making. I dare say you've heard we're likely to leave Clematis 'most any time."

"I'd heard it hinted, but I didn't take much stock in it. Clematis would be sorry to lose you, and it would be pretty hard on you leaving Clematis."

Mrs. Hornblower smiled. "Oh, I haven't a thing against Clematis, Persis. Robert says that of course it doesn't give a man any kind of a chance to make money and I guess he's right. I believe in leaving such things for the menfolks to settle. These new fangled women who are always setting up to know best and saying what they will-do and what they won't do, can't have much of an opinion of the Bible. I'm sure it says as plain as the nose on your face 'wives obey your husbands,' and 'where thou goest I will go.'"

Persis scrutinized the back breadths of the lavender foulard. "But Ruth was talking to her mother-in-law," she objected, off her guard for the instant, since only the death of Mrs. Hornblower senior, had ended the hostilities between herself and her son's wife. Then regretting her tactless words, she hastened to say, "Don't you think that when a man gets to Mr. Hornblower's age, he does better in work he's used to than if he tries his hand at something new? It's easy enough transplanting a sapling, but an old tree's different."

"It all depends," replied Mrs. Hornblower coldly, piqued, as Persis had feared, by her reference to the delicate subject. But her desire to dazzle the plodding dress-maker with visions of her future prosperity, proved too much for her resentment. And soon, as they rippled and basted, Mrs. Hornblower was dilating on the unparalleled opportunity for wealth furnished by the Apple of Eden Investment company.

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"It's a disappointment to me that the whole thing isn't settled and done with by this time. But I always leave Robert to decide such matters, and Robert thought 'twas best to wait till Mr. Ware's visit. Ouch! My goodness gracious, Persis! You must take my arm for a pin-cushion."

"This time Persis' contrition was not assumed.

"I'm awfully sorry, Miss Hornblow."

er. The lining's so thin. I'll have the sleeve off in a shake before gets spotted."

"That'll have to be bandaged exclaimed Mrs. Hornblower, surveying her injured arm in the mirror with a not unnatural annoyance. "A little prick is to be expected now and then when you're dressmaking, but this was a regular jab. I don't know what ails you, Persis. Looks like your mind must have been runnin' on Thomas Hardin."

(To Be Continued)

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GERMAN PUBLIC DETERMINED TO CARRY ON WAR

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN
BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The German public is determined to carry on the war, in view of Premier Lloyd-George's speech. Utterances of the British prime minister have been examined alike by the humblest citizen and the highest official—from the grand headquarters to Potsdam. The general public's verdict is the same. The official viewpoint will not be made known, in all probability, until the receipt of the official text of the allies' reply.

Even the socialist leader, Dr. Scheidemann declares if Lloyd-George expects Germany to publish her peace conditions as the next step he will be disappointed. Scheidemann also remarked incidentally that the imperial chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg followed socialist ideas in making the proffer.

The above story was written, of course, before publication of President Wilson's peace suggestions.

Normal Notes

At the chapel exercises on Wednesday the student body was addressed by Cornelius B. Hosmer of the Utica school for negroes, a graduate of the famous Tuskegee institute, who has been spending a number of days in the city soliciting funds for the school in which he is now an instructor. On Wednesday he recited to the students his struggles in procuring an education for himself.

On Tuesday morning the students were entertained with an address by Miss Margaret Keith of Galesville, a member of the normal faculty and a graduate of the La Crosse school.

President Cotton paid a business visit to the state normal schools of Moorhead, Minnesota, and Aberdeen, South Dakota, this week. It is in the latter institution that Arthur Strum is athletic instructor and coach, and the president brings back the report that the La Crosse man is extremely popular with the student body and is considered a valuable asset by the institution. Strum will play with the normal alumni basketball team against Sputh's aggregation on Friday evening.

The normal assemblies during the

chapel periods have been featured by the so-called "Gazump" squad, a bunch of newly initiated members of the Eclectic Debating society, who are required by the drastic provisions of their organization to rise and give the salute sign of the Royal Mongolians (a wave of both hands beside the ears) every time one of their fellow members rises to make an announcement.

Very few of the normal students from out of the city are planning on remaining here during the Christmas recess. When school is dismissed at 4:10 on Friday, practically all of the "out-of-towns" will leave for home and mother on the first train.

Friday of this week is the last day for Miss Margaret Spence of the domestic science department at the La Crosse normal. Having taught at the local school continuously since the first year the school was organized, she is now leaving for her home near Chicago, where she has been called by the illness of her aunt.

The Misses Edith Lyons and Ednah Shirley of La Crosse, students at the normal last year, visited at the institution on Wednesday. Miss Lyons has been in attendance at the state university since September.

DARING PLUNGING STORY IS TOLD ABOUT "STREET"

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The most spectacular stock market plunging Wall street has known in nearly two years has had as its principals Burton Castles and Barney Baruch, two of the most daring operators in the financial district, according to the stories told by brokers Wednesday.

Baruch, who is said to have many close friends in Washington official circles, is credited with a million dollar clean-up during the past few days. Tuesday he began selling United States Steel common heavily when that stock mounted to 116 after the first dispatches on Lloyd-George's speech reached the street.

Castles, who is better known as a cotton plunger, bought Steel at the bottom and carried it profitably for an hour. At the crest of the upward movement both men, acting independently, according to reports, turned to the bear side and launched great drives on the market, dumping thousands of shares of stock.

Baruch is said to have closed out his accounts with an immense profit. Castles, according to some reports, lost some of his paper profits in the sudden recovery in prices at the close of the market.

HOW NEWSPAPERS TAKE PEACE NOTE

Newspapers Thursday commented on President Wilson's note as follows:

New York Tribune: American influence for real peace is now abolished. Today we have become the agents and purveyors of a German peace.

New York Times: It is difficult to see where it (the note) can do harm. It may serve to turn the minds of the belligerents to peace.

New York Sun: The president makes plain his intention to labor for the creation of post-bellum conditions that in international transactions will involve this country in a manner that it has hitherto scrupulously avoided.

New York Herald: The temptation to be the president of humanity is great, but it should not make Mr. Wilson forget that he is president of the United States and that to him have been entrusted the vital interests of the American people.

New York World: President Wilson takes the first definite step toward ascertaining the terms upon which the belligerent nations will consider peace. He has taken it in a manner to which no belligerent can well offer objections.

New York Staats-Zeitung: The note which President Wilson addressed to the governments of all the warring nations may prove to be a step of quite incalculable extent in the interests of all the people involved in the fearful war.

Chicago Evening Journal: President Wilson's note urging the belligerents to state their peace terms will be hailed by hot-heads on both sides as a move in favor of Germany. It is doubtful if the rulers at the Wilhelm strasse will find it so. Indeed, it looks very much as if Lloyd-George had received the president's note before rising to speak and had turned it to his own account with a dexterity which even an enemy may admire.

Dallas, Texas, Journal: President Wilson has spoken, seemingly at the psychological moment. . . . The appeal, soundly based and strongly voiced as it is, should more strongly direct the tendency toward actual discussion.

EXTRA U. P. DIVIDEND
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Union Pacific railroad on Thursday declared an extra dividend of two per cent on its common stock and a bonus of one month's salary for employees who receive less than \$1,800.

STEADY ADVANCE AMERICANS ABOARD OF BULGARIANS IN DOBRUDJA REPORTED

SOFIA, Dec. 21.—Continued advance of Bulgarian troops in the Dobrudja region is reported in Thursday's official statement.

"The population of Badagde warmly welcomed our troops," the statement said.

Claim Four 'Planes Shot Down'
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Four German aeroplanes were brought down on the Somme front Thursday's official statement asserted. Otherwise there was a lull in fighting.

On the Salonika front the statement reported snow and rain.

ENGINEER BUCKS HOLD-UP MEN AND PISTOLS SPOUT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—A. E. Complin, locomotive engineer, was glad to be alive Thursday, following his refusal to throw up his hands before two negro gunmen. One bullet tore the heel from Complin's left shoe, one cut through his right coat-sleeve and a third went through his cap, grazing his head.

DENVER NOW IS CAPITAL OF WEST

DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—This city is now the Washington of the west. Denver today has more federal offices, bureaus and branches of governmental departments than any other city in the United States, except the national capital.

In the new \$2,500,000 federal building here are assembled more federal offices under one roof than anywhere else in the country—not excepting Washington itself this time—for Denver is headquarters for the entire United States for some departments and the western pivot for practically all of the other government branches. The marine service is the only one not represented here.

North Side Briefs

O'Neil Shoe Store. Come! . . .
E. C. Erickson of Portland, Ore., who is spending the holidays with his family at 1432 Kane street, and daughter Bertha have returned from Ettrick where they attended the funeral of Mr. Erickson's father, Christopher Erickson, one of the first settlers in North La Crosse.

Christmas tree lights. A. O. Colby, Leroy Peterson has returned to his home, 1618 Berlin street, after visiting friends and relatives in North Dakota for several months.

Miss Eunice Gibson, 1210 Caledonia street has returned from an extended visit at Chicago and Sioux Falls.

LITTLE CAUSE IS FOUND FOR PROTEST OF OHIO GUARDS

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Action upon the cases of 589 Ohio national guardsmen for breach of military regulations in signing and mailing a "round robin" to an Ohio newspaper, protesting against a longer stay on the border and against camp conditions and food, awaited Wednesday the report of the district inspectors investigating the affair by order of General George Bell, Jr., commander of the Eleventh army division here.

Major H. E. Ely of General Bell's staff, went into the Ohio camp again, after inspecting the quality, amount and preparation of the guardsmen's rations and the camp conditions, went into the tents and talked with the men who signed the protest. In most cases the guardsmen freely admitted signing the protest and gave their reasons.

As the investigation proceeded, it was found that the protest was mainly a manifestation of the desire of the men to return home. Although the results of the inquiry have not yet been made public, it is known that little justifiable cause for the protest has been uncovered.

GOETHALS SAYS U. S. SOON CAN USE CANAL AND COMPETE WITH BRITISH

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The U. S. soon will be able to compete with British shipping by the use of the Panama canal, General George W. Goethals, former governor of the canal zone, declared Wednesday in an address to the New York Merchants' association at the Astor hotel here. He said American ships soon would be placed on the same basis of canal tolls as British vessels through a bill now in congress.

The United States, Goethals said, soon will begin payment of the debt on the canal through revenue from its use. He predicted traveling soon will become faster because slides have been stopped by widening of the channel. He favored turning over resources of the canal zone to American merchants, contending that, as American money had paid for development, Americans should gain the profit.

MARION HARLAND WORKS ON EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Marion Harland, (Mrs. Edward Payson Terhune), celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday anniversary at her home here Wednesday by working. She is the author of more than forty books.

"A sense of humor and plenty of work keep you young," said she. "I would go to the graveyard or the insane asylum in three months if I quit working. Also learn your gastronomic limitations and stay within them; that's my advice."

AMERICAN CONSUL AT MALTA SAYS BRITISH ST. URSULA WAS TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The American consul at Malta reported to the state department Thursday that the British steamer St. Ursula with six Americans aboard had been torpedoed without warning. None of the Americans was killed.

RELEASE OF IRISH REBELS BELIEVED A PROBABILITY

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Release of a majority of the Irish rebels imprisoned after the Dublin revolt was believed a step likely to be taken shortly by the new government. A debate in the house of commons Wednesday night in which Secretary for Ireland Duke, and the Irish leader John Dillon participated, showed that the premier and Duke were both inclined to release most of the prisoners. Persistent rumors of settlement of the Irish home rule question have been current ever since the cabinet crisis and leaders would not be surprised to see leniency exercised in preparation for announcement of a complete adjustment of the Irish situation.

SUFFRAGE IN 1920 AIM OF ILLINOIS WOMEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Full suffrage for the women of Illinois in 1920 has been taken up vigorously for accomplishment by the Illinois Equal Suffrage association under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Trout whose generalship secured the partial suffrage act of the present. To bring about the result Mrs. Trout and her board have issued a statement saying: "The only remedy is to center our forces on a constitutional convention movement. Men who have been leaders in the constitutional movement have earnestly asked our co-operation, believing that united effort is needed to insure success. The members of the constitutional convention could be elected and in session by the early fall of 1919. Without doubt the proposed new constitution could be ready for submission to the men voters in the spring or early summer of the following year. It would be the task of the men and women of Illinois interested in a true democracy to see that the new constitution contained a proposed amendment providing full suffrage for the womanhood of Illinois. A woman suffrage amendment submitted under these favorable conditions could without doubt be carried by sufficient educational and organizing effort. This would mean the full enfranchisement of the women of this state in 1920."

CANADIAN SHIFT TO RAW MATERIALS IS EXPECTED TO HIT U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A slump in "war brides" is foreseen by Chicago banks when the full force of Canada's achievement is felt some six months hence when materials rather than finished munitions will become the bulk of purchase in the United States. Those factories and towns which have been glutted with prosperity, but have wasted most of it on riotous living, will get the effect of the Canadian coup. The slump in shipments of finished shells and other munitions will gain in shipments to Canada of unfinished materials, copper, brass and steel, as was forecast in the announcement that when present contracts expire the British munitions ministry will shift the main task of supplying munitions to Canada. The authority for the statement was J. W. Flavell, chairman of the imperial munitions board of Canada. No finished shells except those of largest caliber will be bought in the United States but the demands for raw materials for Canada will be greatly augmented. The purchases being made in this country now are said to be of raw materials only.

MANY HURT IN TROLLEY CRASH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—Nearly two score persons were injured, several probably fatally, early Thursday, when an Ardmore car crashed into the trailer of another car darkened when the trolley jumped the wire.

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BIRTHDAY SUPPER GIVEN AT MINDORO

MINDORO, Wis. — (Special.)—Miss Minnie Mansergh entertained a few friends at supper Thursday evening in honor of her birthday.

Local and Personal
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Erickson and son, Raymond, were La Crosse visitors Thursday.

Wayne Havens, from Montana, came home last week to spend the winter.

Edna Brinker is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Bert Congdon this week.

F. J. Ruland left Sunday for a trip to Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuller did shopping in La Crosse Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Small and daughter were Onalaska visitors from Sunday until Tuesday.

Lilah and Nona Ruland and Billy Underhill were La Crosse shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfaff visited at Dave Wilds in Black Oak Sunday.

There will be movies in the town hall Friday evening, Dec. 22.

The Sunday school will give a Christmas program in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

REPORT SUFFREN WAS TORPEDOED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—The French battleship Suffren reported as lost in a French official statement, December 8, was torpedoed by a German submarine, a Berlin statement received here Thursday asserted. The undersea boat sank the warship on November 26 off the Portuguese coast and the entire crew of 718 men was lost.

INDIANS' NEW YEAR

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 21.—This may be just December twenty-first to some folks, but it's New Year's day to the Tewa Indians.

There are only about 1,200 of the Tewa in five villages San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Nambe and Tesuque. They hold ancient beliefs deduced by themselves from things as they are.

The Tewa's six cardinal directions are north, south, east, west, above and below. Each direction is colored and has an animal to signify it. North is green and personified by a lion.

The Tewa believe the sky is the husband of the earth. They believe the sun is a man who walks across the sky behind a yellow shield in summer, clad in white deerskins ornamented with beads. In the winter he is green. Their year begins on Thursday and their New Year's day is founded upon the belief that the sun stands still in the sky to mark a new twelve-month.

BRYAN LAUDS PEACE MOVE

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 21.—"Hearty endorsement" President Wilson's note to the belligerents nations was made here Thursday by William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state. "The president has rendered a distinct service in throwing the great influence of this country into the balance on the side of peace," he said.

TRUCKS DESTROYED IN FIRE

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Twenty-four giant motortrucks were wrecked in a \$175,000 fire in the garage of the Timroth Teaming company. Gasoline tanks on the trucks exploded

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GERMAN GENERAL IS DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 21.—General von Fabeck, commander-in-chief of one of the German armies on the western front, is dead, according to German newspapers, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says that General von Fabeck became sick after the summer fighting.

ARGENTINA WILL SUPPORT PEACE PLEA OF WILSON

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21.—Argentina is certain to support President Wilson's plea for peace. The warm approval, expressed by members of the government here, was coupled with the prediction that the whole continent would be a unit in its support of such a step.

Officials were swept off their feet with surprise at the note and formal comment was not immediately obtainable. Informally, however, they expressed the belief that the president's plea for a definition of the terms of peace on both sides was most timely and seemed to have fair prospect of success.

SOCIETY

GOES EAST FOR HOLIDAYS
Mrs. Robert W. Keyes, 230 South Sixteenth street, leaves tonight to spend the holidays in the east. At Chicago she will be joined by her son Jack, who comes from Las Vegas, New Mexico, and from there they will go to Cazenovia, New York. Mrs. Keyes' former home, to join a group of relatives in a Christmas reunion at the old home. There will be twenty-five in the party.

FIVE HUNDRED CLUB
Mrs. Frederick W. Fullmer entertained the members of her Five Hundred club at her home, 230 North Seventh street, Wednesday afternoon. High honors went to Mrs. George Ott and Mrs. Henry Trepte, while second prizes were won by Mrs. George F. Glass and Mrs. J. D. Howard.

FOR MISS TAUSCHE
Miss Frances Egbert, 1514 King street, was hostess to a group of friends of Miss Margaret Tausche at a five o'clock tea Wednesday afternoon, in honor of the approaching marriage of the latter, which takes place during the holidays. The decorations were in pink and green, which colors were carried out throughout the rooms. Smilax was used to good effect, and pink candles in silver candelabra graced the tables. There were ten guests.

ENTERTAINS PUPILS
Miss Lois Hallik entertained the members of her music class, at a Christmas party at her home, 1102 Division street, Tuesday evening. A short musical program was given, followed by a musical game, the participants in which were divided into three sections, the three first prizes being awarded to Idamiae Bentley, Lucile Dusty and Wynona Hauser. Refreshments were served. Miss Hallik's guests numbered twenty-six.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
All arrangements are now completed for the annual children's festival and Christmas tree celebration to be given by the Brotherhood of Yeomen at their hall Friday evening. A program will be given by the little folks, and in addition to the prizes given by the hostess the grand foreman of Des Moines will award four grand prizes. Santa Claus will be present and the program will start promptly at eight o'clock. Dancing will conclude the evening's entertainment. All Yeomen and children under sixteen will be admitted free.

AUXILIARY ELECTIONS
Election of officers by Chaseburg auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans Tuesday night resulted as follows:

President—Clara Jung.
Senior vice president—Monica Vernecke.
Junior vice president—Anna Hilbert.
Chaplain—Cora Jenks.
Secretary—Effie Henning.
Treasurer—Elvina Kelly.
Historian—Hannah Storkerson.
Patriotic instructor—Mary Chandler.
Conductor—E. W. Gautsch.
Assistant conductor—Maude Long.
Guard—Sophie Wischman.
Assistant guard—Martha Platz.

MRS. OWEN HEADS R. N. A.
Camp No. 293 of the Royal Neighbors of America have elected the following officers to serve for the coming year:

Oracle—Bertha Owen.
Vice oracle—Etta Branson.
Recorder—Katie Reuwee.
Receiver—Anna Prowell.
Chancellor—Sarah Luth.
Marshal—Anna Neuman.
Inner sentinel—Theresa Bernd.
Outer sentinel—Lena Hatke.
Managers—Minnie Herlitze and Mary Kelly.
Physician—Dr. C. R. Beckmann.
Delegate to state camp—Katie Reuwee.
Alternate—Theresa Bernd.

BILL DRAFTING BUREAU
DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—Members of the legislature who convene here in January will use the first state bill drafting department in the United States. Attorney General-elect Leslie E. Hubbard has set aside part of his office staff for the use of legislators desiring to draft bills but unfamiliar with technical language. This service is free. Legislators are taking advantage of the bureau. Among the bills being drafted are a stringent amendment to the prohibition law, a usury law and a strong amendment to the mothers' compensation act.

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REPORT HITCH IN FORMATION OF NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—Failure of Dr. von Spitzmueller to form a new cabinet was reported Thursday in Vienna dispatches. According to these, Emperor Charles has asked Clem Martinitz to attempt formation of a new ministry to succeed that of von Koerber.

DEMS MAY GET ANOTHER
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—Another vote was added to the possible democratic majority in congress Wednesday when Governor Craig certified the election of Zebulon Vance Weaver, as congressman from the Tenth district, succeeding J. J. Britt, republican, whose contest had been dismissed by the state supreme court. Britt may carry the fight to congress.

Chicken Men Meet
A special meeting of the Western Wisconsin Poultry association will be held Thursday evening at the chicken men's quarters, at which the results of this year's show will be discussed, and plans laid for the coming year's work. Judges will be selected for the 1917 show. The meeting is to be held now because the regular meeting date falls upon New Year's day.

WILSON'S NOTE SUGGESTS PARLEYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The notes sent out by President Wilson to the belligerents on Wednesday are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors presenting them:

"The president directs me to send you the following communication, to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

The texts of the notes themselves begin identically as follows:

"The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to you (here is inserted a designation of the government addressed) a course of action with regard to the present war, which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation, whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

Not Seeking Glory
At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows:

"The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time, because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers. It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin, and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits, and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

Explanation to Allies
In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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Asks Peace Demands
Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

"The president suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumental-

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKS AT NORTH M'GREGOR BRIDGE

NORTH M'GREGOR, Iowa.—(Special.)—Tuesday afternoon a freight wreck occurred on the east approach of the North McGregor pontoon bridge, the caboose and car of coal being crossed by the track. The temporary approaches put in and being used with the old pontoon while the new one is being finished, have decidedly sharp curves, and trains only run at four miles an hour over this channel, until the new pontoon is in place on the straight approaches.

It was in 1874 when the first pontoon bridges were put in across the east channel at Prairie du Chien, and the west channel at North McGregor, and the freight wreck Tuesday afternoon is the first accident to any train, out of the thousands that have crossed the Mississippi on the railway piers. The trains were delayed while the wrecking crew made quick work of getting the cars straightened on the tracks.

The "Star switching bridge" across Bloody Run, west of the passenger station, is being taken out. This is a heavy iron bridge and until the big tunnel which is being constructed west of the bridge is finished, a temporary pile bridge will take the place of the bridge being removed. When the tunnel is completed it will drain the hollow in times of heavy rain, and carry the water to the south side to the new waterway, and the bridge space filled.

YOUNG GIRL IS CREMATED

BESSEMER, Mich., Dec. 21.—The 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kan of Wakefield, while visiting at Captain Sanders' home at Ramsay, was burned to death by putting kerosene on a coal fire, causing an explosion.

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yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, stated these objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual change of guaranties, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success ever would bring the war to an end.

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for conference, and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable.

"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken, in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerents, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

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BRITISH EJECTED FROM POSITIONS AT ARRAS, CLAIM

BERLIN, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 21.—Ejection of British troops from positions they had gained north of Arras; great violence in artillery fire on both sides of the Somme, and a successful raiding sally by Germans west of Villers and Carboneel were incidents of the west front fighting detailed Thursday in the German official statement.

The British attacks around Arras resulted in entry of the enemy to the German first line trenches, but the troops were ejected by a counter thrust.

That the enemy lost six aeroplanes in numerous air engagements and defensive fire in the Somme sector was also stated. On the Aisne front several French patrol attacks were repulsed.

Dealing with the fighting on the eastern front, the statement said a temporary increase was noted in the artillery duel on Prince Leopold's front, between Duenaburg and Nacozze lake. Northeast of Goduziaski and Drysvaty lake, Russian attacks failed with heavy losses. On the Stochod Russians tried vainly to capture ground which they lost a few days ago.

Field Marshal von Mackensen reported ejection of the enemy from some rear guard positions.

On the Macedonian front the German rifles maintained much disputed positions on the heights east of Parlovo and in the Cerna bend against strong Russian attacks, the statement concludes.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—Gain of a portion of the heights northeast of the Kimpolung-Jakobeni railway in the wooded Carpathians was announced in Thursday's official statement.

WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:37 a. m.
Sunset tomorrow, 4:30 p. m.
Yesterday's Temperatures
High, —1; low, —20; precipitation, 0.

For Wisconsin: Fair tonight and probably Friday. Not so cold Friday and in west portion tonight.
For Minnesota: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Not so cold.

For Iowa: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with rising temperature.

Weather Conditions
The high central over the lower Missouri valley this morning and the temperature continues low throughout the Mississippi valley. Plains states and Canadian northwest. Areas of low pressure are central over the gulf, off the north Pacific coast and in the northern Manitoba.

These pressure conditions indicate fair weather in this section for tonight and Friday with moderating temperature.

REPORT PEACE MEET STOPPED
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—Police prohibited a great socialist meeting scheduled in favor of peace at Leipsig, according to dispatches here Thursday.

Expect Allies' Reply Within Next Two Days

LONDON, Dec. 21.—England and her allies, will probably answer Germany's peace note within the next forty-eight hours. The identical replies of the entente nations will be dispatched at the same time—that is, simultaneously handed to the diplomatic representatives of neutral powers whose offices were requested by Germany to effect delivery.

Expectation that the allies' answer would be ready before Saturday was based on knowledge that day by day conferences have been held on the text of the reply ever since press dispatches of Monday a week ago made known the general terms of the German proffer and that England has also been exchanging views with her allies on the form the reply was to take.

TEXAS CITIES ARE FRANTIC WHEN GAS FLOW FAILS

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 21.—Dallas and adjacent cities went frantic on Thursday when the Lone Star Gas company announced that all the natural gas supply was failing, owing to low pressure, and probably would give out entirely by noon. The temperature is below freezing.

NUNGESSER GETS 21ST AEROPLANE

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Nungesser brought down his twenty-first aeroplane Thursday—climbing up steadily to the record by France's star aviator, Sub-Lieut. Guinemer. The announcement was in connection with the day's official statement which detailed aerial activity over most of the western front.

ARBUTTLE TO REFORMATORY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 21.—Henry Clay Arbuckle, 19-year-old dye maker wizard, was sentenced Thursday to three years in the Green Bay state reformatory. Arbuckle was charged with the theft of several thousand dollars worth of platinum and chemicals from his employers. He was arrested in New York.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN

	Lo.	Hi.	P.
Boston	32	34	.06
Charleston	56	56	.06
New York	30	36	.40
Washington	34	38	.34
Galveston	40	48	.0
Jacksonville	60	62	1.74
New Orleans	58	78	.0
Chicago	12	20	.04
La Crosse	20	—	0
Madison	12	8	0
Memphis	22	58	0
Milwaukee	2	14	0
Bismarck	—34	—16	0
Huron	—20	—8	0
Kansas City	—2	12	.01
St. Paul	—24	—	0
Boise	30	36	.14
Denver	4	20	0
Helena	—4	16	.01
Miles City	—8	—4	.01
Portland, Ore.	42	48	.22
Spokane	8	20	0
Medicine Hat	—26	—10	.01

POSTOFFICE AT PRAIRIE DU CHIEN OPEN ON SUNDAY

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis.—(Special.)—Postmaster A. H. Long announces that to accommodate the public he will open the postoffice Sunday, December 24, from 12 to 1 p. m. This is on account of the Christmas rush.

High School Play
Students of the high school will give the opera, "The Princess Chrysanthemum," at the Metropolitan Thursday evening, December 21. It is expected to be the best production that the high school has ever given.

Campion Loses
Campion college basketball team met defeat at the hands of the normal school team of Plattville in the Campion gymnasium in this city, Tuesday evening, by the score of 20 to 14. Raymond Kunzman of this city, who attends the normal, starred for the Plattville team.

Local and Personal
Hugh Gillis of Minneapolis, with S. J. Merton, transacted business in the city Tuesday.

Harry Parfrey, manager of the Parfrey Manufacturing company, Richard Center, was a Prairie business caller Wednesday.

R. M. White, surgeon at the New Sanitarium, and wife, departed for Chicago Wednesday for two days' business trip and then will go to Freeport, Ill., to spend Christmas with their respective parents.

St. Mary's college closed Thursday for the holidays and the students departed for their homes. The college will reopen January 8.

August Deening of Luana, Iowa, has bought an interest in the business of W. J. White.

Roy Walker, manager of the Imperial was a business caller at Madison Monday.

Mrs. V. M. Smreina and son Harold departed for Madison Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents.

D. J. Campbell of Bridgeport was in the city on business Wednesday. Mrs. Laura Wright left Wednesday for Chicago, where she will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles Dimock.

Mrs. W. B. Tarr left for La Crosse Wednesday, called there on account of the illness of her friend, Mrs. Rayley.

James Maney of Lynxville transacted business in the city Wednesday.

George Atwood and F. T. Sims of Gays Mills transacted business in the city Tuesday.

John Porkorney, formerly a resident of this city and now residing at Madison, visited in the city the first of the week.

OIL ADVANCE ANNOUNCED

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21.—The Sinclair Oil and Gas company on Wednesday added to the prosperity of the oil men of the mid-continent field when an advance of ten cents, making the price for crude now \$1.30 per barrel, was announced. The Sinclair Oil and Gas company is the youngest and also the largest independent corporation operating in mid-continent fields.

NATIONAL "DRY" MEASURE PASSES SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The national prohibition bill was reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee Thursday.

The bill as amended by the judiciary committee becomes an ironclad dry measure.

Senator Reed, Culberson and Brandegee were the only members to vote against it.

As amended, the bill prohibits "the sale, manufacture or transportation of intoxicating liquors the importation thereof into, and the exportation thereof from the U. S. and all territories subject to the jurisdiction thereof, for beverage purposes."

Section two of the bill provides that "the congress shall have power to enforce this article by all appropriate legislation."

ITALY APPROVES THE REJECTION OF PEACE PROPOSALS

ROME, Dec. 21.—Officials, the press and the people generally applauded the definition of allies position with regard to peace voiced by Premier Lloyd-George and Former Premier Asquith. It is asserted on all sides that there is an entire agreement among the allies as to the form the rejection of Germany's proffer took and that this proffer has brought about such an agreement of purpose as nothing else could do.

INFANT PLAGUE AND PNEUMONIA TAKE BABY GIRL

A severe attack of pneumonia closely following an attack of infantile paralysis, caused the death on Wednesday of Mary Hull, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hull, of Viola. The parents are well known in La Crosse. The little girl died at the home of her parents.

SHOT BY WOMAN

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21.—W. H. Paschal of Atlanta, Ga., was in a dangerous condition at the Baptist sanitarium Thursday from wounds received when he was shot Wednesday night in the St. Francis hotel by Mrs. Rosa Butcher. Both the woman and Paschal declined to make a statement.

WANT MONEY FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—How to get ten million dollars to save five million Jews from perishing in Germany was the task of a conference of prominent Jews from all over the United States at Carnegie Hall here Thursday.

The decision to raise this amount in addition to the \$6,000,000 already sent to relieve the suffering Jews in Russia was made following the report of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, who went there from New York to investigate.

Theodore Marburg, Louis Marshall, Nathan and Oscar S. Straus, Jacob H. Schiff, Henry Morgenthau, Dr. Cyrus Adler and others were to be present.

The Close

American Locomotive	70
American Smelting	102 1/2
American Sugar	106
Anacosta	108
Atchafalaya	101 1/2
B. and O.	82
Bethlehem Steel	489
Canadian Pacific	162 3/4
C. M. and St. P.	90
Goodrich	59 1/2
Great Northern	115
New York Central	101 1/2
N. Y. N. H. and H.	50 1/2
Northern Pacific	108
Penn. Ry.	55 1/2
Southern Pacific	95
Studebaker	106 1/2
Union Pacific	143 1/2
United States Steel	101
Utah Copper	94 1/2

RESOLUTION FOR ENDORING WILSON HELD UP IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, presented a resolution Thursday endorsing President Wilson's note to the warring powers and asked immediate consideration of it. Senator Borah, Idaho, opposed immediate adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was introduced before news of Secretary Lansing's explanatory statement had reached the capital.

Borah said that while the president's offer evidently was made with the best intentions, he felt action by the senate should be withheld at this time and suggested that a more effective plan for bringing about peace may later present itself.

When informed of Secretary Lansing's declaration that the United States is in "an intolerable position" Representative Kahn, California, sitting with the house military committee, rose and said dramatically:

"Gentlemen of the committee, make haste! Our country is on the crest of a volcano."

URGES UNIVERSAL TRAINING AS A FORCE FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The most influential peace society this nation could organize would be 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 young men under universal military service, Secretary George Hewitt Myers of the Army league declared Thursday.

"The strongest influence for honorable peace," he continued, "would be a system of universal military service. Under our present volunteer system everybody outside the regular army and the national guard expects the other fellow to go whenever there is any danger of this country being plunged into war."

BERNSTORFF IS DISTURBED WHEN HE HEARS OF NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—German Ambassador von Bernstorff when told of Secretary Lansing's statement on the president's note was obviously and plainly disturbed. For the first time in months he would not offer a comment, either for publication or privately on war developments.

He gave strong impression that he attached considerable significance to Lansing's remarks on the purpose back of the president's note and did not seem to relish the suggestion of the possibility of the United States becoming involved in the war.

BELIEVE TORREON OBJECT OF VILLA

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—With a heavy body of troops Villa has swung from west of Chihuahua City to the south and is now at Jimenez, according to reports reaching United States department agents here.

Federal authorities here point out that the Villista move foreshadows an attack upon Torreón, a strategic position second in importance only to Chihuahua City.

WILSON SENDS NOTE TO WARRING NATIONS AND SEES NEUTRAL SUPPORT

Continued from page one.
Wilson's suggestions. No intimation is given that she will comply with requests for specific peace terms.

Count von Bernstorff has declared Germany's willingness to discuss publicly such questions as disarmament, peace leagues, etc., but regards consideration of such subjects as reparations, restitution and territorial limitations as demanding conferences behind closed doors. Open correspondence on such matters he believes would encourage both sides to "play to the galleries" and retard actual consummation of peace.

"Haven of Peace"
The president, on the other hand, in his communication says the interchange of views should be made so that neutral nations with belligerents may observe how near is "the haven of peace."

One of the prime safeguards for all nations, he believes, is to let the light in on "secret diplomacy." He believes the war in Europe might have been prevented had it not sprung "suddenly out of secret councils."

Recently he uttered the belief that one lesson the war has taught is that "the peace of the world must henceforth depend upon a new and more wholesome diplomacy."

The note to the entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, France, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

Whether she will then be the wife of Barnes is one of the puzzling questions for the court to decide.

GENERAL NIVELLE IN COMMAND
PARIS, Dec. 21.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast Monday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of those armies. In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment.

The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise offered their congratulations.

General Nivelle replied, expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the allied military council he alluded to as a merited promotion.

Blow Out Puts All La Crosse In the Darkness

"Well!" said all La Crosse expressively about 7:30 last night, as it was putting the finishing touches on Christmas gifts and wrapping up packages. "Well! I'll be—"

La Crosse spoke thus because just then all the electric lights flickered down and died out. Candles and lamps were hurriedly excavated and the Christmas preparations proceeded in their feeble glow for about an hour before the light was restored.

The Wisconsin - Minnesota Light and Power company explained on Thursday that dampness had got into the big generator and caused it to blow out. The reserve generator was put into service and that blew out, too. Then the company hooked up with Hatfield power from the street car company, and got along. Everything is reported fixed up again.

Street lights were out all night.

FORD CLOSING PLANT TO RELIEVE RAIL TIE-UP IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—As a means of relieving the railroad congestion now threatening all industries of Detroit, the Ford Motor company will suspend operations completely Friday and remain closed until January 3. The announcement was made Thursday afternoon by Frank L. Klingensmith, general manager.

Forty-two thousand employees will be affected by the order. None will receive pay during the period of suspension.

The shut down will mean a loss in wages to the 42,000 employees affected, of more than \$1,470,000.

At the same time the company will sacrifice its profits on approximately 17,500 cars. The Ford plant is now turning out about 2,500 machines daily.

"We are doing this from a humane standpoint," said Klingensmith. "We have lots of orders and could continue shipping our product, but we believe the railroads should not be congested with commodities that are not necessities of life."

FIFTEEN DIE WHEN ITALIAN STEAMER IS CUT IN TWO

MARSEILLES, Dec. 21.—An Italian steamer was cut entirely in two by a collision with the French cruiser Ernest Renan, according to dispatches received from Toulon Thursday. Fifteen perished on the steamer, the other 115 aboard the Italian vessel being rescued by the French warship. The accident occurred at night.

MARITAL TANGLE OF GIRL MOTHER AGAIN IN COURT

Continued from page one.
1914, he reversed his decree, making Mrs. Robare again Mrs. Barnes. At this juncture in the case came another element. Mrs. Robare became the mother of Robare's little son, nameless when he came into the world.

Robare and the girl-mother left La Crosse, and went to Dakota, where they spent about a year. It was an unhappy year, though, and ended when the little woman pawned her wedding ring and bought a gun with which she attempted to kill her husband. The ball missed a vital spot, however, and as the court considered that she had had some justification for her act, Mrs. Robare was released under a suspended sentence. Together the father and mother returned to La Crosse, bringing their small son.

An attempt to straighten out the tangle was made on December 14, 1915, when Percy Robare and Ruth were married a second time. Judge Brindley performed the ceremony for them, in his office off the county court room. But it brought no happiness. In her complaint to the court, Mrs. Robare alleges that Robare did not provide for her and was not kind.

She sought counsel and went to see Attorney James Thompson. The attorney told her, she declares in her complaint filed Thursday, that she was the lawful wife of Barnes.

The young woman's name has been battered about between divorce court and marrying justice until she does not know what to do, and she will appear before Judge Higbee Saturday with her plea to be divorced from Robare.

Whether she will then be the wife of Barnes is one of the puzzling questions for the court to decide.

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CARDINAL SUGGESTS TRUCE THAT WARRING NATIONS MIGHT MEET

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A month's truce between the belligerent nations during which time peace negotiations can be entered into, was advocated by Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, in a statement printed in the New York Evening Mail Thursday.

The time has come for peace negotiations, the cardinal believes.

VON BISSING ILL

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—General von Bissing, German governor general of Belgium, was reported dangerously ill of pneumonia in dispatches received Wednesday from the frontier. He has been temporarily replaced at Brussels as governor general, pending his recovery.

GREAT OVERLAND CONVENTION HAS REACH OVER LAND

Overland Special Trains Move on Every Road in Every State to and from City of Toledo

WEST BADGER CROWD

La Crosse and the Surrounding Towns Make Up Special Train and Carry 300 Live-wire Delegates

(Written by Henry Fielding, Abroad the Overland Special.)

On every road in the United States, in every state in the United States, every day for the past month, there has been an Overland Special train. We saw them coming and going as they roared our way to the Overland convention at Toledo, saw them as they have been going for a month and will go for days to come.

Our own train was one of many that gathered the Overland men from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and part of Ohio, and with only these three and a half states crowded the city until thousands of elbows were in touch.

The La Crosse, Eau Claire, Mankato aggregation arrived in Toledo Monday noon. Before and behind them was spread Overland hospitality in its fullness.

Eau Claire and Mankato were consolidated with the five wires from La Crosse, making a solid C. M. & St. P. steel train of fourteen cars with over 300 delegates.

The La Crosse quartette, composed of "Punch" (Buck) Niemeyer, E. M. Sullivan, Dr. J. H. Gatterdam and F. Henry Burgess, overflowed with melody and spirits and with excellent discrimination got a hand everywhere without betting a foot anywhere.

The one disappointment of the trip was the failure of Mr. A. B. Moll to attend the convention.

All along the route dealers met and greeted this Overland train to show their enthusiasm and listen to the blended harmony of the La Crosse Glee club, the Mankato Harp orchestra and the mixed quartet of Eau Claire singers.

Great excitement spread throughout the train when Alex Moll secured Burgess' pet dog which early in the morning had secluded itself because it could not believe all the stories told by its master to the great entertainment of those aboard the special. The entertainment by Burgess, assisted by Moll and his delegation, will always ring clearly as masterpieces in the minds of other delegates.

Personal representatives of Big Chief John M. Willys, father of the Overland Special, greeted each delegate as he left the train.

Then came the movie man and pictured as never before a real La Crosse crowd in action. Up to the top floor of the new six-story administration building the boys were led by Moll and Burgess to be introduced to the man who left no stone unturned to show them the time of their lives. With a trip through the most wonderful Overland plant of 100 acres floor space, the biggest single manufacturing building in the world, with feeds and banquets galore, with entertainments by the Overland midgets Glee club and the internationally famous Overland band, a grand old pleasure was spread before the La Crosse live wires and that upon their final departure each delegate proclaimed it as his opinion that John M. Willys was king as an automobile manufacturer and entertainer.

Arriving in the city late last night, the La Crosse boys in ringing cheers sent their brother Overland dealers homeward.

The Eau Claire delegation were costumed as red devils and were led by Old Man Satan himself in the personage of J. A. Taylor, whereas the Mankato delegation was headed by H. H. Perron.

The La Crosse live wires agreed with the Eau Claire Red Devils and the Mankato aggregation that Overland new model actually dominated the auto world in style, quality and price.

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BAD HEALTH DUE 'TO HARD' WATER

Attacks Stomach and Infects System with Disease Germs.

Whole Families Sickened

How to Remedy and Retain Health Told Pointedly by the Tanlac Man Whose Wonderful Medicine Has Given Thousands Vigor and Happiness. He Asserts.

"Many who come to me have been suffering from stomach troubles for years without knowing what was the matter," said the Tanlac man recently.

"Where whole families have been affected I believe the water has a great deal to do with it. The 'hard' water supplied in many cities is the direct cause of much chronic ill health.

"Hard" water for drinking is injurious in itself and is likely to carry germs. If allowed to stand in jars or pitchers it is certain to gather any impurities in the air. So 'hard' water is very 'hard' on the stomach.

"The kidneys are affected and in consequence the blood becomes impure. Pimples break out, appetite comes in fits and starts, the victim, whether man or woman, gets nervous, can't sleep and jumps at the slightest noise.

"Food lies in the stomach heavy, soggy and can't dissolve. It certainly rots and becomes poisonous. Gases form, the condition of the stomach prevents digestion and the body is virtually starved.

"I know from numerous instances that Tanlac will tone up the digestive organs and put the stomach in a healthy, normal condition."

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Tanlac can also be obtained from Geo. H. Seidel at Sparta; G. C. Groezinger at Bangor.

AUTHORIZE FURTHER DIVERSION OF NIAGARA WATER FOR INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate on Wednesday adopted the joint resolution authorizing an increase in the amount of water to be diverted from the Niagara river for industrial uses.

The resolution authorizes an increase of 4,400 gallons a second of water diverted for industrial uses.

WILSON HELPS GERMAN PRINCE GET RELEASE

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 21.—Thanks to the intervention of President Wilson, Prince Ferdinand Radzivil, a member of the German reichstag who has been a prisoner in Russia for twenty-eight months, has been released. The press bureau said Wednesday he was in Stockholm and would continue on to Berlin shortly.

Quick Way to End Coughs, Colds and Croup

An Excellent, Inexpensive Home-Made Remedy that is Prompt and Sure.

If you have a severe cough or chest cold accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness, or difficult breathing, or if your child wakes up during the night with croup and you want quick help, just try this pleasant tasting home-made cough remedy. Any drug-gist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Thus prepared, you have a pint of really remarkable cough remedy—one that can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief at all times.

You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that means business. It loosens and raises the phlegm, stops throat tickle and soothes and heals the irritated membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes with such promptness, ease and certainty that it is really astonishing.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with guaia-coli and is noted for its speed in overcoming severe coughs, throat and chest colds. Its millions of enthusiastic users have made it famous the world over.

There are many worthless imitations of this noted mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

TOURIST HAS HARD TIME QUENCHING THIRST IN JAPAN

BY CLARENCE AXMAN
(Editor of the Eastern Underwriter)
(Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"Kori-Kori" means ice, and that's all the Japanese and American traveling in the Orient need know. The rest will take care of itself because English is the commercial language there and any Oriental business man or hotel clerk who has not a smattering of our tongue can have no dealings with the American tourist.

On a hot day, which is every day, we looked for the Japanese short-hand sign, translated: "Drinks sold here." Appearing over the door of nearly one-third of the stores in any little town this sign can be seen two blocks away. Drinks on sale include mineral water, "Tan-San"; beer, a poor variety; and what would correspond to American pop, all lukewarm.

At our cry of "Kori-Kori" the young lady in the kimono dived into a strong box and emerged with a piece of ice, slightly larger than the loaf of sanitary sugar found here on restaurant tables, carefully unwrapped and washed it, and then put the ice under a shaving machine. It was quite a ceremony, and curious children gathered to witness the performance.

All railroad tickets are printed one side in Japanese and the other in English. Signs in Japanese and English announce the name of the station, and there is even a sign board reading: "The principal points of interest here are—"

It is said that the lack of linguistic facility of the average Englishman is the reason he refuses to learn the tongue of other people, and hence all nations have to learn his. On our way to Yokohama there were twenty-six nationalities on the ship, each person practicing English on the other. It was the only way they could converse in common. At Kobe a fat, uncomfortable Russian, was trying his best to explain to a Japanese secret service man just why he left the army. The conversation had our own language sounding like Sam Bernard and Weber and Fields discussing the high cost of living.

There is quite a bit of faking about Japanese proficiency in English. Everybody in hotels and shops says he understands, but frequently his sole acquaintance with the language is "Yes" and "No." We did run across a waiter who knew two more words: "Never Mind." Given quite an explanation from six persons at our table as to how they wanted their eggs he listened gravely to each; then said blandly: "Never Mind," and brought them in soft boiled all around.

Rea hinc Yoshida at 4 one afternoon, it being necessary to travel on to Lake Shoji immediately in order to catch a steamer train, we told the proprietor of the inn that we wanted two carriages.

"Yes," he answered. An hour passed and two coolies showed up with our baggage on their shoulders. "Are the carriages coming?" we asked, as it had begun to rain, and we thought of Lake Shoji twelve miles away.

"Yes," he answered. After another half hour's wait the start started bowing us out. Just then a young Japanese, home from Dartmouth college appeared. We explained our predicament. After a short talk with the hotel proprietor he said:

"He hasn't any carriages. He expects you to walk."

But we didn't; we rode the twelve miles in chairs.

PHYSICIAN CHARGED WITH DEATH OF GIRL

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Charged with manslaughter, Dr. A. H. Little, 41, was arrested in his home here on Wednesday by detectives from District Attorney Zabel's office.

The arrest was made following an inquiry by Zabel into the death of Miss Martha Dennies, daughter of a Random Lake farmer, in Sheboygan hospital on December 6. She told officials, according to testimony at the coroner's inquest, that Dr. Little had performed an operation upon her.

John Haeske, barber at Random Lake, was taken into custody a week ago as an accessory before the fact.

KILLED BY TRAIN

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 21.—John Misorski, 50, was instantly killed Tuesday night by a Northwestern passenger train at a grade crossing. He leaves a wife and two children.

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Strictly high grade mirrors from—\$3.75 up.

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Genuine pig bristle Hair Brushes—\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Complete Toilet and Manicure sets from \$9.50 to \$24.00

Hat Brushes \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00

Clothes Brushes—\$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50

Trays—65c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00

Toilet Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, fine cases, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$13 and \$15

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RADIO WEATHER REPORT SUCCESS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—Though no effort has been made to find out how many are receiving the weather reports by wireless, operators at Racine, Mount Horeb and Wausau have written of their own initiative to the local forecaster that they were getting them and that the signals were coming strong. The wireless at the university works with the stations at the Universities of Ohio, Iowa and North Dakota, so there is no reason why an amateur anywhere in Wisconsin cannot receive the weather reports at 11 a. m. each morning. It is hoped eventually to have many of the farms and villages receive them.

Can't Tell How Many Receive "Wireless telegraphy is just like talking over a rural telephone, you can't tell how many are listening—only more so, since there is no chorus of clicks when the receivers are out up," said Forecaster E. R. Miller. "The only way that we can find out is to ask recipients to write to us and tell us. The three or four letters that we have received is an indication that some attention is being paid to the reports.

"The forecaster is sent out by ordinary telegraph from Chicago as soon as prepared, from 8:30 on, and this goes direct to 106 places in the state, and is mailed from these to 2,500 or 3,000 or more additional places. These receive the forecast according to mail schedule all the way from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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NOTICE TO RAW FUR TRADE
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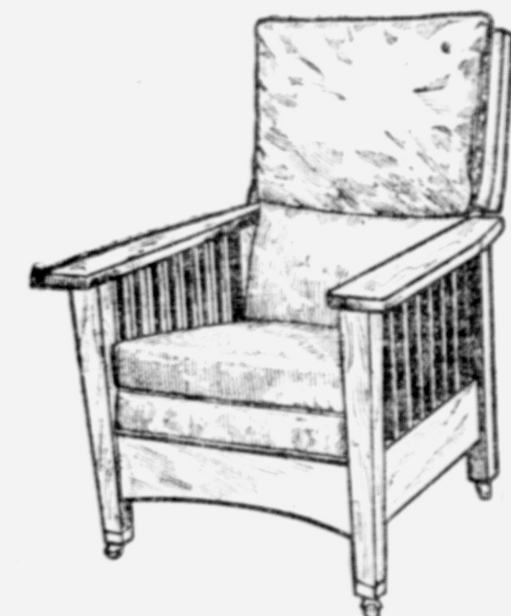
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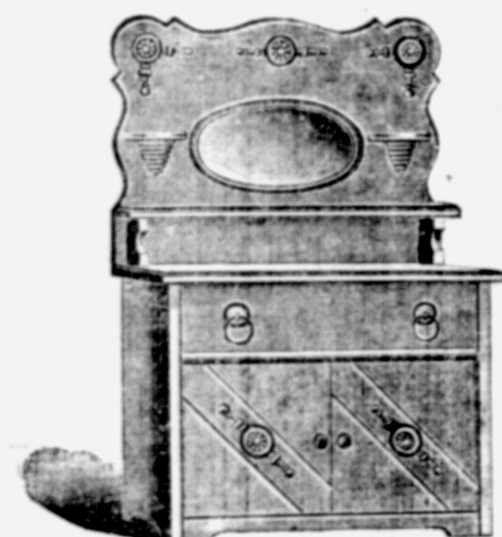
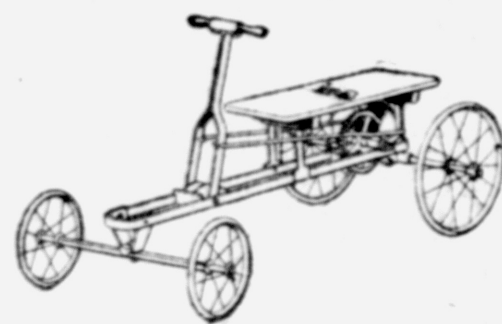
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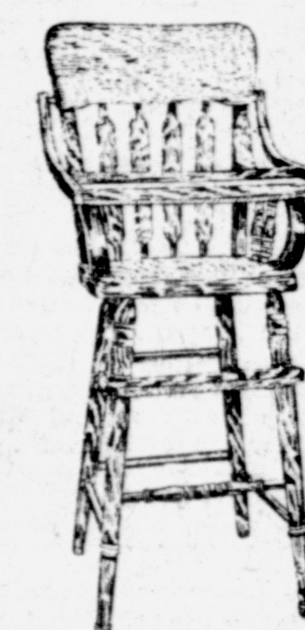
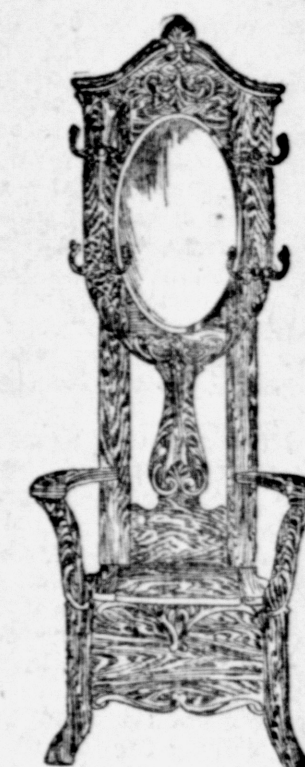
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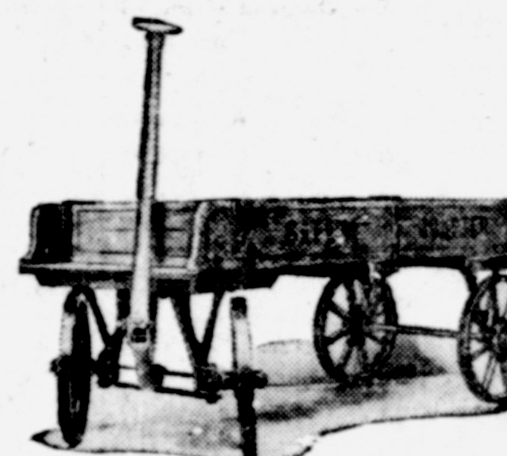
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DARCY EXPECTED IN U. S. NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Unless storms and shipwrecks intervene to delay his boat or cast him upon desert island, Les Darcy will plant his feet in New York some time next Tuesday. Information leaked out Thursday, and although Tex Rickard would not confirm it, he let it be

known that he was certain of the Australian fighter's arrival next week.

Rickard has been in wireless communication with Darcy several times since he started the wild scramble for bouts announcing his intention to match Georges Carpentier with some one. He knows the boat on which Darcy is a passenger or a sailor and says that when the proper time comes he will let the public in on his secret.

PRATT IS ELECTED CAPTAIN OF HIGH 1917 FOOTBALLERS

Marcus (Muckie) Pratt, star right halfback, was elected to captain Coach Bell's eleven next year by a vote of the players who comprised the first squad.

Pratt is a valuable man, and, although he is only a sophomore, he has been on the team ever since he entered high. In his freshman year he played end on Coach Puckett's second team, being shifted to halfback this year. He is a fast sprinter, having been on the track team last year. He caught Matchette, the speedy Riverside quarter, after the Milwaukee man had dodged through the red and black team on a trick play in the game here this year.

In the line Captain Pratt will have two fine ends, R. Rippe and Regent. E. Blatter, who was uncovered this season, and who is expected to be fully as good as his big brother next year, will fill one of the tackle holes. Bleakley has decided to come back to school and will play center. Schick, however, has decided to go to summer school and will probably attend Brown university next year. Lis-covec is still undecided as to whether he will work this summer or go to summer school and graduate. The whole backfield will be gone except Pratt. Pratt may play quarter as he did in the Reedsburg game, if no other man for the pivot position is found. O. Rippe has had three years experience and could fill the position if it were necessary. Kevin, Munson and McCann were all sub on the first team this year and will probably land positions next year. From the seconds, Oyen, Kidder and Row-lison appear to be the best in line; men. Millington and Nyhus are two fine ends, and could fill some of the backfield holes as Coach Bell will have two good ends back. Lawler played a fine game at halfback for the Varsity this season and from all appearances will develop into another Fritz Layman.

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Lotus	15	18	.455
Bijou	15	21	.417
Maders No. 2	15	21	.417
Majestics	11	22	.333
Opaccos	8	25	.242

Williams' Stars			
E. Hunt	213	192	128
Staddler	193	141	179
W. Hickisch	179	195	192
D. Thompson	179	174	168
J. Williams	183	179	178
Handicap	12	12	12
Totals	999	893	848

Maders No. 2			
J. Poehling	180	189	195
J. Torrance	161	133	159
Klaesges	123	179	148
Volz	215	181	179
P. Mader	136	145	153
Handicap	54	34	50
Totals	869	867	875

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Hennepins	23	1	.958
Magellans	16	8	.667
Marquettes	12	12	.500
Balboas	5	19	.263
La Salles	6	15	.286
De Sotos	4	17	.190

Hennepins			
J. J. Frisch	219	214	193
J. Kotnour	132	148	170
J. Schneberger	148	197	202
J. Houska	220	154	175
J. Padesky	165	120	140
Handicap	27	27	27
Totals	911	870	907

Marquettes			
A. J. Miller	200	216	182
E. J. Guentner	132	147	188
Substitute	132	130	150
F. J. Goshay	144	169	158
D. Sullivan	171	125	169
C. B. Miller	171	125	169
Handicap	20	32	29
Totals	799	819	850

FORMER COACH OF HIGH MAKES GOOD WITH OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—When one thinks of the Ohio State team, one is apt to think of Chick Harley. Of course, Harley was the star of the team, but did you ever stop to think of the man who planned the Ohio State gridiron tactics, the man who has made the greatest record ever made by an Ohio coach, a man who in four years' service has yet to see the Ohio State team be beaten by an Ohio team—namely John Wilce, former coach of championship high school teams in La Crosse, Wis.

Put School on Map
Well, don't overlook Wilce, for the former Wisconsin star is the man who today holds the place in Ohio football once held by Joe Wentworth, and later by the late Budget Seaman. Wentworth, who placed Case on the football map, Seaman did the same for Reserve. Both made football history in the Buckeye State, and Wilce is following right in their footsteps, perhaps going just a little stronger.

Record Unequaled
In fact Wilce has established a record that has seldom been equaled. Just think of it, in the four years Ohio State has performed under Wilce's coaching the Columbus team has run up the enormous total of 625 points to 141 for opponents, displaying an attack that has averaged 22.9 points per game. And, in making those points, Wilce's teams have won twenty-one games, tied two, and lost five, giving the state tutor a winning percentage of .808.

Has Big Edge
In engagements with the Western conference eleven, Wilce has a decided edge. State having won nine games, tied one, and lost five against Ohio eleven, as said before. State has simply swept the boards clean, never losing a game and only being held to one tie—Oberlin once getting away with a 0 to 0 score. Wilce's Ohio State has rolled up 378 points in games with other Ohio eleven, against a total of 22 for the opposition.

DES MOINES MAYOR SEIZES COAL TO SELL TO NEEDY FAMILIES

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 21.—On the grounds of "public necessity," in the face of a coal famine, Mayor John MacVicar on Wednesday seized a carload of coal belonging to the Bloomfield Coal company. The com-

pany will be paid the market price. The coal will be delivered by city teams at cost to homes without fuel.

The mayor had threatened to confiscate coal ready for shipment out of Des Moines, if necessary, to save people from freezing here.

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SCHOOL IS OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

Grades and High Dismiss on Thursday, Normal on Friday; Carol Programs Are Given

Despite a thermometer that has not gone above zero for nearly a week, there was no chilling of enthusiasm in the public schools of La Crosse on Thursday, for it is the long-awaited "last day of school." Classes dismissed on Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. The normal school has had its holidays cut short to a bare ten days, and will not dismiss until Friday afternoon.

The Christmas spirit pervaded all schools this week, reaching its climax on Thursday, when carol-singing exercises were given. A special program was given at the normal school, and all the grades and high school singing organizations took part in big gatherings at the high school Thursday afternoon and evening. Hundreds of parents and friends attended the evening program at the high school.

With songs and recitations by students of the normal model school and the regular normal course, the annual Christmas program at the state institution was run off in fine style on Thursday morning before the combined student body and a host of the parents of the little folks. The presentation of musical numbers, including an abundance of Christmas carols, which was under the direction of R. V. Morgan, comprised a large part of the exercises.

In order that Thursday morning's program could be given as much time as possible on the class schedule, the morning classes at the school were cut, making them each ten minutes shorter.

The carol programs given at the high school by over five hundred school children was pronounced a success by everyone who heard them. The voices were strong and clear and everything went off without a hitch. One of the notable selections was "Like a Gentle Rose E'er Blooming," sung by a capella chorus. Little Dorothy Fox and Marshall Cohen rendered fine vocal solos. The program was repeated in the evening with the same success.

CHASEBURG MEN VISIT VIROQUA

CHASEBURG, Wis.—(Special.)—Matthew Lee, A. J. Grosskopf and G. B. Gardner were Viroqua business callers during the week.

Miss Clara Egstad did shopping in La Crosse.

Mrs. William Oldenburg spent several days in La Crosse visiting.

G. A. Hosmer returned Monday from a week-end trip to La Crosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krause were La Crosse visitors.

H. Grondell has returned to his home in Wolcott, N. D., after an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson spent a few days last week in La Crosse.

Henry Schwake of Stoddard spent Saturday here with relatives.

G. A. Kaeppler of La Crosse was here on a business mission last week.

Miss Mildred Gardner and Ella Grosskopf spent the latter part of the week at Viroqua.

Mrs. J. M. Aiken returned Tuesday from a visit at Green Bay with relatives.

Walter Palechek, the only Chaseburg boy with the soldiers on the border, returned Friday.

Mrs. Rev. Palechek visited relatives in Coon Valley Tuesday.

John Linrud was a Westby business caller.

J. D. Larson was a La Crosse visitor Sunday.

Arnie Gilbertson and George Martine spent Sunday at home from La Crosse.

Martin Emilson transacted business in Stoddard Saturday.

Miss Clara Hickel did shopping in La Crosse Saturday.

Mrs. R. Clawson returned Tuesday from a visit in La Crosse.

Mrs. R. Wurch of La Crosse has returned to that place after a visit with relatives.

R. M. McIntosh of Viroqua was a business caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Grosskopf left on Tuesday for a visit with relatives in La Crosse.

William Stry spent Tuesday in La Crosse.

Matt Spika went to La Crosse on Tuesday on a business trip.

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COMMONS SETS EXAMPLE IN MEATLESS MEALS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Filet of mack sole, Curried Nuttoria, Nut Cutlets, Fine Chicken and Mock Stewed steak are some of the meatless delicacies of the new vegetarian war menu in the house of commons.

The commons, where the country has been informed of the serious character of the food situation, is setting the country a fine example. For the first time in British history, members of commons are eating all the things that look like meat but "ain't" and none, so far, has complained that he is being badly nourished. From forty to sixty cents is the price of an official meatless meal.

MORE XMAS BONUSES

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Christmas bonuses amounting to \$3,500,000 were announced by the Western Electric company, the Crane company and Andrew & Company, stock brokers.

The Western Electric company, will give two to four weeks wages and the other firms ten per cent of the annual wages.

HUNT "PEPPER BANDIT"

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Police are hunting for the "pepper bandit" who blinds his victims with cayenne after intimidating them with a glass revolver. John Robert, 16, a grocery boy, is the latest victim. In 1915, police were puzzled by a long string of such hold-ups.

ITALIAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IS IN TRENCHES

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Grastano Critifullo, 28, Italian, wanted here on a charge of murdering Mary D'Amice, 15, last May, has been taken into custody by Italian government authorities, who located Critifullo fighting in the trenches, according to word received by District Attorney W. Zabel.

The treaty with Italy makes it impossible for this country to get a man back here for trial, so Zabel will forward the evidence to Italy and ask the authorities in that country to try him.

DRYS WORKING TO GET DRY SPOT INTO TEXAS

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 21.—Prohibitionists Thursday were striving to give the next legislature a dry spot in which to cogitate on the proposed state-wide anti-booze measure, which is scheduled to provide the fireworks in the coming session.

Travis county, in which the capital is located, is voting on local option. The drys are confident of victory, even though they have had to worry along in their campaign without the aid of "Cyclone" Davis, who is detained at Washington by a farewell appearance.

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HOUSTON GIRL IS VISITOR AT AUSTIN

HOUSTON, Minn.—(Special.)—Miss Edna Knutson of Yucatan, left Wednesday for Austin, where she will visit with her sister, Evelyn, who is attending school there.

L. H. Briggs was a La Crosse caller Wednesday.

John Craig of Sheldon transacted business here Tuesday.

School closes Friday for a two

weeks' vacation, when the following teachers will leave for their homes: Supt. Undem, the Misses Orndorf, Cantlin, Donald and Larkin.

Gilbert Knutson of Yucatan motored to Houston on Wednesday.

Mrs. Otto Wager of Looney Valley, was a La Crosse shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Weimers left Saturday for her home at Park Rapids, Minn.

Mr. Joseph of Sparta, Wis., is the new barber at the Whitehouse shop.

William Martinson has sold his

pool room fixtures to Messrs. Robert Manly and H. P. Kumm.

Mrs. George Onstine returned home Thursday after a week's visit with friends in La Crosse.

Ed. Hanson of Looney Valley returned home after a month's sight-seeing at Chicago.

Miss Charlotte Kelly returned last week from a visit with her brother at Buffalo.

The Vinegar Hill Telephone company held a special meeting Saturday evening.

J. L. Carlson has put in a stock of telephones, both wall and desk type.

GERMANY'S RICHEST MAN DEAD

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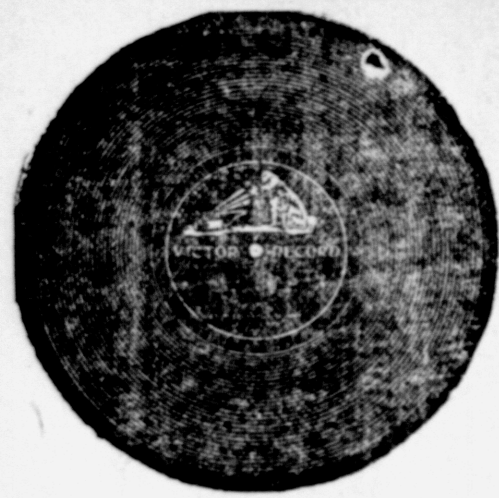
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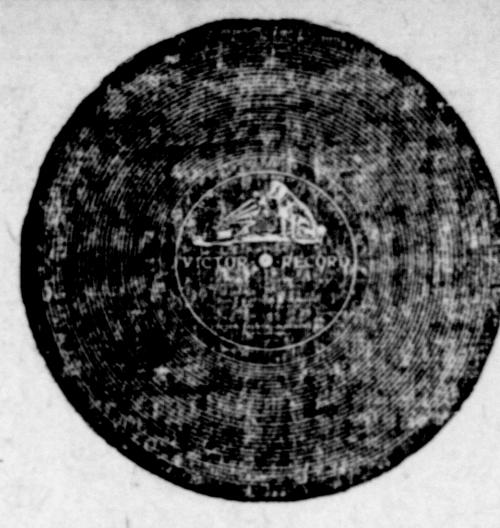
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- 35536 Kangaroo Hop (Fox Trot—Ossman's Banjo Orchestra) and Merry Whirl (One-Step—Ossman's Banjo Orch.).....\$1.25
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JAPANESE MINISTRY HAS FRIENDLY POLICY TOWARD CHINA, REPORT

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—(By Mail.)—An unexpected policy of friendliness to-

wards China has been adopted by the Japanese ministry under Field Marshal Count Terauchi, according to the Nippon Dempo News agency. It is declared that the premier and his cabinet have decided that in future Japan will not interfere with

the internal affairs of China in any way, that she will co-operate with the republic for the "preservation of peace in the far east, that she will attempt to acquire no more rights in China and will not hereafter urge the Pekin government to employ

Japanese advisers, unless China really welcomes them for the development of the country. The agency announced that the minister's change of policy, followed meetings between Count Terauchi and the emperor; Prince Yamagata,

head of the Genro; and Yiscount Motono, foreign minister.

NO TRACE OF MAN
WEYERHAUSER, Wis., Dec. 21.—No trace of E. R. Funk, former resident of Weyerhauser, has been found

since his disappearance while changing cars at St. Paul. Mr. Funk was en route to his present home in Superior. The conductor of the train with whom he was well acquainted talked with him, but noted nothing unusual in the man's actions.

CHIME CLOCK IS PRIDE OF BANK OF VIROQUA

VIROQUA, Wis.—(Special.)—A new electric chime clock has been placed in front of the Bank of Viroqua by Lindemann Brothers. It is large in size and its figures can be seen at a long distance. It will be greatly appreciated for its usefulness to the public, serving also the bank as an effective sign.

Mrs. Shanley Dies
The death of Mrs. Shanley, wife of Rev. Shanley, occurred here Monday evening after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Shanley moved to this city from De Soto recently. Mr. Shanley having succeeded to the Auley as circuit minister.

The junior class of the high school which is studying German, entertained the senior German class at the Congregational church parlors Wednesday evening. It was a very original and enjoyable affair. The German language was spoken, German songs sung and everything was in keeping with German customs. Dishes of German origin were served for refreshments.

H. E. Rogers, Jr., and Stanley Sweger, well known city merchants, have invited all children in town, below the eighth grade, to a matinee to be given at the Star theater Friday afternoon at the expense of the two gentlemen.

Christmas Entertainments
The different Sunday schools in the city are busy preparing Christmas entertainments. Most of them will be held Saturday night from the different houses of worship. At the Congregational church Sunday at 11 Christmas services will be held with special Christmas music. There will be no services in the evening.

Mahoney Elected Head
At the National American Equity association meeting, held at Wausau, last week, Judge D. O. Mahoney of this city was elected national president of the association.

Club Discontinues
The Bridge club has discontinued its weekly Tuesday meetings until after the new year.

Local and Personal
Charles Wallace, who has been employed at Nashville, Tenn., has returned to his home near this city. Bradford Ranger and wife, who moved here recently from Illinois, have gone to Janesville to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott have moved into the Stark house in the Second ward. Miss Amy Gott, who teaches school in Illinois, is home for the Christmas holidays. Her mother will accompany her upon her return to her school duties, where she will spend the winter.

Ira Casperson transacted business at Viola Tuesday.

Quite a large number of people attended the Leap Year dance given by the Royal Neighbors at the Running hall Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Anderson of Wauzeka visited Viroqua friends Saturday and Sunday.

CHARGE READING OF MAIL MADE SETTING OF BLACKLIST POSSIBLE

BERLIN, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 21.—In the period from December, 1915, to September 10, 1916, British and French war vessels have seized 24,200 mail bags addressed out to Germany, and 16,800 bound for Germany, the press bureau estimated Wednesday.

Of this mail matter, 17,110 mail bags were bound from Germany to the United States, and 13,857 were enroute from the United States to Germany. A large amount was also enroute to and from South America.

The press bureau concludes, from examination of a few letters which were seized, but later permitted to go forward into Germany, that both the French and British censors read the letters. This reading, it is asserted, "gave clear insight into trade relations of the United States and South American citizens with Germany and made possible the establishment of a blacklist and other measures."

FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR EIGHT BUSHELS WHEAT PLANNED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 21.—President of the Board of Agriculture Protheroe announced at a Guild hall meeting of farmers Wednesday that the government proposes to fix sixty shillings as the price for a quarter of wheat. (Fifteen dollars for eight bushels).

BRINGING UP FATHER

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MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade quickly. Mailed free. Moler Barber College, Milwaukee, Wis.

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WANTED—Salesmen to travel with crew. Must be hustlers. Call evenings or Sunday afternoon. Sam J. Lord, 116 North Third street.

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FIREMEN, Brakemen, beginners paid \$120 monthly; permanent; no strike. Railway care Tribune.

WANTED—Bright young man, seventeen or over. New Process Cleaners, 112 North Fifth.

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WANTED—Boys at Stoddard Hotel.

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—Good cook for the day for a month. Mrs. Tourtellotte, 813 Cass street.

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WANTED—Marker and sorter; steady work. Modern Steam Laundry.

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WANTED—Sorter at Reliable Steam Laundry, 117-119 North Sixth.

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WANTED—Girls. Western Ham-mock Co., 1204 Horton.

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WANTED—Counter girl at Hotel Foley, 501 Mill.

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REAL ESTATE

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE—Modern 30-room hotel in western Minnesota, doing annual business of \$3,500.00. Cheap cash. Will consider trade for improved farm. Good reason for selling. For further information write Ben. Erdman, Augusta, Wis.

12 16 22

FOR SALE—92 acre farm in town of Shelby, 7 miles from La Crosse. Everything included. Good location and everything in good order. Mrs. Fred Krueger, La Crosse, Wis.

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FOR SALE—the two story brick apartment building and two story frame dwelling house on the corner of Third and King streets. C. F. Klein.

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FOR SALE—First class lot on Hill-view, facing park, across from city greenhouses. Call 907-M or address L. T. care of Tribune.

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FOR SALE—Two story frame house, lot 59x150, 1743 Pine street. Easy terms. \$1,900. C. F. Klein, 11 14 11

FOR SALE—Residence. Inquire 803 South Eleventh.

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FOR SALE

\$35 WILL BUY 75 first class lantern slides, hand painted and framed in hard wood, also lantern. These slides are the exact copies of the best productions of old and new masters. The original cost of the outfit is \$300. Inquire 1027 California St. New Phone 1020-M.

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YOUNG MEN—The chance for you is in Polk county, Wis. Good hardwood lands near Twin Cities, low prices and easy terms. Baker, A-161 St. Croix Falls, Wis. tuesdaysat12w

FOR SALE—Large type Roland Chinas, 75 boards and gills, 2 aged hard boards, 10 aged saws. Write your wants. W. T. Hartley, La Crosse Wis. R. No. 3.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Piano: Emerson upright and talking machine with 30 records. W. S. King, 512 Pine.

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FOR SALE—Go-cart, good as new; sell at half price. Inquire L. B. Ledman, office 125 South Third.

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FOR SALE—Up-to-date shoe repair shop. Good location down town. Address "208," care Tribune.

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FOR SALE—Crocheted bed spread. Reasonable, if taken at once. New Phone 1907-R.

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FOR SALE—Second growth oak. New Phone 1335-A. Old Phone 2104-2 rings.

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FOR SALE—Baking oven to use on top of any kind of stove. 1530 Mississippi.

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FOR SALE—Spring cutter in good condition. Adolph Hermann. Phone Black 7864.

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COLUMBIA new double disc records, 65c. Weis Book Store, 533 Main.

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FOR SALE OR RENT—Seven room house. Inquire 520 So. 11th St.

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FOR SALE—Library lamp and writing desk. 221 South Eleventh.

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FOR SALE—Fur muff, two scarfs, at 305 South Fifth.

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FOR SALE—Gold fish, at Catholic cemetery.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—House, 720 Cameron avenue; six rooms, all modern but heat. Phone new 1233-A. 12 21 11

FOR RENT—Upper and lower six room and bath flats. Large, all modern. 520 South Fourth street.

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FOR RENT—160 acre farm, 7 miles from La Crosse; 50 acres under plow and the rest pasture. Good spring and milk house, good house, barns and other buildings. Best of soil. Person must come well recommended. 600 King street.

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FOR RENT—Four rooms and bath, suitable for 2 small families, N. E. corner Third and King streets, second floor, from Nov. 1, \$14.00. Inquire of C. F. Klein, 310 Pearl St.

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FOR RENT—Five room lower flat, hot water heat, 215 North Eighth street. Inquire T. H. Brindley, with W. A. Roosevelt Co.

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FOR RENT—Store with barn on West avenue south. Inquire 803 South Eleventh street.

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FOR RENT—Modern furnished room, hot water heat. 325 North Eighth. Phone 1522-A.

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FOR RENT—Two modern light housekeeping rooms on lower floor. 145 South Sixth.

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FOR RENT—Modern 5 room city heated flat, 121 South Eighth. Inquire 950 Cass.

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SEE L. B. LEDMAN for furnished rooms. Office 125 South Third. Both phones.

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FOR RENT—One furnished modern room with kitchenette and bath. Phone 513-M.

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FOR RENT—8-room house, strictly modern. 119 N. 10th St. Inquire 928 State St.

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FOR RENT—Six room house, 404 Oakland street. Inquire 409 North Fourteenth.

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FOR RENT—Eight room modern house in good location. Call 724-M.

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FOR RENT—Six room modern house. Inquire 902 Pine. Phone 946-R.

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FOR RENT—Four room flat, 609 Main, \$12. Inquire Jensen's Shoe Shop.

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FOR RENT—Store at 601 Main St. Inquire C. F. Klein, 310 Pearl.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 512 King.

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FOR RENT—New modern upper flat. 625 Pine.

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CLEANERS AND DYERS

LET US CLEAN and press your suit, fancy dresses, rugs, carpets. Work guaranteed. Work called for. Pitzer's, phones 201-M and 3481.

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HOMESTEADS

OREGON & CALIFORNIA RAILROAD CO. GRANT LANDS—Title to same re-vested in United States by act of congress dated June 9, 1916. Two million three hundred thousand acres to be opened for settlement and sale. Power site, timber and agricultural lands. Being classified. Containing some of best land left in United States. Large sectional map showing land and description. Price one dollar. Grant Lands Locating Co., Box 610, Portland, Oregon.

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SITUATIONS WANTED

ALL AROUND MECHANIC, experienced in operating steam boilers, engines and a little in electric light. Good repairman. Wants job. Write G. A. Rienks, Eastman, Wis.

12 11 21

COAL AND WOOD

PHONE 319 for good coal and wood. Try our Kentucky Yellow Jacket for your range. Tennessee Fuel Co., Twelfth and Green Bay streets.

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PRINTING

500 BUSINESS CARDS, envelopes, statements or noteheads, \$1.15; 1,000, \$1.90. Lamin The Printer, 208 North Second.

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CUT RATE SHIPPING

CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific coast and other points, superior service at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

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LOST

LOST OR STRAYED—One black and tan fox hound, Dec. 12, white tip on tail and speckled on face and breast. Reward. Notify J. R. Ames, Ferryville, Wis. R. 3.

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LOST—Package containing seventeen (initials) handkerchiefs, on Main street, Tuesday afternoon. Reward for return to Leader-Press office.

12 20 21

LOST—Pocketbook containing \$12 and bank book. Finder please return to Archie Dupont, 821 South Fourth and receive liberal reward.

12 21 21

LOST—Gold bracelet, embedded with sapphires and emeralds. Return to Tribune for reward.

12 20 21

LOST—Tan bag containing bills, rosary and keys. Finder call new phone 816-C. Reward. 12 21 23

LOST—Pair of nose glasses in Dr. Evenson case. Return to Tribune. Reward. 12 1 11

LOST—String of gold beads. Return to L. T. Reid, State Bank Bldg.

12 20 11

RESTAURANTS

EAT AT THE JEWEL; save money. Regular meals and short orders all hours. Board and rooms, \$4.50 and \$5. Try us. 209 North Third.

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BUSINESS CHANCES

WANTED—Capable, trustworthy man, with \$1,000 cash and upward, for permanent position with established company, to open and manage separate branch. Exceptional opportunity, safe investment, large profits. Good for \$5,000 a year and better for the right man, with excellent future. Address H. G. Tucker, Mgr., North American Bldg., Chicago.

12 21 21

MONEY TO LOAN

Lowest rate of interest. Mortgages bought and sold. Geo. J. Fries, room No. 1 Batavian National Bank bldg.

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION lends money on real estate. Borrow and make monthly payments.

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WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT—Modern furnished room, close to business district. Phone 390.

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STOVES AND FURNITURE

SECOND-HAND furniture and stoves. Bell Furniture Co., 216 So. Third.

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SHOE REPAIRING

FOR QUICK REPAIRING call Jensen, new phone 1862-C. Repairing while you wait. 208 S. Third.

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AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

FLANDERS four passenger or delivery, \$150; Buick roadster, \$200; Studebaker five passenger, \$175. Elsen & Phillips, 110 South Second street. New phone 61; old phone 5613.

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FOR SALE—Bargains in used roadsters and touring cars from \$175 up.

Dietz Garage, 209 State.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MR. & MRS. JNO. M. ANDERSON, D. C. M. T. D. Chiropractic, massage. Experienced chiropractors. Office 1123 State St. Phone 1603-M. Consultation & spinal analysis free.

11 25 12 24

WANTED—Live narrow stripe skunks, mink, coons and red foxes. Double your fur prices. Write or call B. Tippman, 514 North Twelfth St. City.

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WANTED—Old horses, must be cheap. State lowest cash price, weight. 888 Care of Tribune.

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POSTGRADUATE IN OBSTETRICS

Miss Hoon, Masseuse, 219 South Fifth. Telephone 323-M. 10 21 11

DRESSMAKING—Plain sewing or by the day. New Phone 758-R.

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CINDERS for the hanging. Lutheran hospital.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors

State of Wisconsin, La Crosse County.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob Raplin, late of the City of La Crosse, in said County, deceased.

Letters, testamentary in said matter having been granted to Mary Ruplin of the City of La Crosse, notice is hereby given that four months after the 13th day of Dec. A. D. 1916, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance, and that said Court will on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the Court Room of said County of La Crosse, in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

Dated this 13th day of Dec. 1916.

By the Court.

JOHN BRINDLEY, County Judge.

Notice of Administration and Notice to Creditors

State of Wisconsin, County Court, La Crosse County—In Probate.

In re-estate of Marie Johanna Rossberg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that at the special term of said court to be held on the second Tuesday, being the 9th day of January A. D. 1917, at the Court House in the City of La Crosse, County of La Crosse, and State of Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered, the application of Johanna Amelia Jaekel, for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Marie Johanna Rossberg, late of the Town of Farmington, in said county, deceased.

Notice is hereby further given, that at the regular term of said court to be held at said Court House, on the first Tuesday, being the 1st day of May, A. D. 1917, there will be heard, considered and adjusted, all claims against said Marie Johanna Rossberg, deceased.

And notice is hereby further given, that all such claims for examination and allowance must be presented to said county court at the Court House in the City of La Crosse, in said county and state, on or before the 12th day of April, A. D. 1917, or be barred.

Dated December 13th, 1916.

By the Court.

HON. JOHN BRINDLEY, Judge.

WOLFE, WOLFE AND REID, Attorneys for Petitioner.

New York Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Money on call, 4 per cent; time money, 5 to 5 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile, 4 per cent.

Bar silver: London, 36 13-16d; New York, 76 1/2c.

Demand sterling, 4.75 7-16.

MESSAGE CAUSES TWO BREAKS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's message to the European belligerents and Secretary Lansing's statement caused two distinct panicky breaks on the Stock exchange on Thursday.

To these bear factors Thursday afternoon was added a mass of sales forced by the demands of brokers for greatly increased margins. In some instances as high as fifty per cent to prevent the market being driven into such panic conditions as caused the

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—

Three million shares had been sold at 2:58 Thursday afternoon on the New York stock exchange, making the day the heaviest trading since

1901.

On only two other days in the history of the exchange have three million shares been traded. These days were April 30 and May 9, 1901, during the time when

when the United States Steel corporation and other big trusts were being formed.

closing of the exchange at the outbreak of the war. These precautionary measures brought a flood of selling orders from the west and south.

At 1:30 U. S. Steel sold at 102, off 6; Industrial Alcohol 98 1-2, off 9 3-4; Reading, 100, off 6 5-8; Crucible, 52 1-2, off 8 1-2; Union Pacific, 144, off 5 5-8; Baldwin Locomotive, 57 1-2, off 8; Maxwell Motors, 48, off 9.

U. S. Steel set a low of 101 3-8 shortly after two o'clock when 670,000 shares had been traded.

On the cotton exchange, where prices were bid up nearly

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The Joy of Xmas Giving is

Increased Ten Fold When You Make Your Gift of Silks or Dress Goods

Good Sturdy Storm Serges, 50 inches wide, priced per yard at—

75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

Fine Wool Famous Batistes, 42 inches wide, street and evening shades, yard—

85c

Silk and Wool Poplins, 42 inches wide very strong and serviceable, all shades

\$1.25

Printed Wool Challies, 27 inches wide, big variety of light and dark color combinations, per yard—

65c

Silk Crepe de Chines, 36 and 40 inches wide, complete color assortments, priced at yard—

\$1.25 and \$1.50

Satin Stripe Tub Silks, 32 inches wide, white grounds, with dainty colored stripes, per yard—

\$1.25

Cheney's Printed Silk Foulards, 36 inches wide. No silk made that will wear better.

\$1.50

Dependable Black Taffeta Silks, 36 and 40 inches wide, rich, raven black, fine dress weights, yard—

\$1.25 to \$2.50

Promote The Good Cheer Spirit With Flowers



FRIDAY WILL BE THE BEST DAY TO DO YOUR SHOPPING IN OUR FLORAL DEPARTMENT.

Select from our superb assortment your Plant, Wreath, Basket, Cut Flowers, etc., and have them delivered Christmas or stored to be called for Saturday.

Approximate Christmas Price-List Subject to Change Without Notice

Floral Department—Main Floor

CUT FLOWERS

Poinsettias \$1.50 per dozen and up
Carnations \$1.00 per dozen and up
Roses \$1.50 per dozen and up
Narcissus \$1.00 per dozen
Violets, home grown \$1.25 per hundred
Violets, southern grown 35c per bunch
Snapdragons 75c per dozen

WREATHS

Boxwood, 50c to \$1.50 | Holly 20c to 75c
Ruscus 50c to \$1.50
Japanese Moss (price on application).
Friz, all colors 20c to 75c
Magnolia 75c and up

MISCELLANEOUS

Friz Roping, 2 yards for 5c
Holly Sprays (price on application).
Ruscus (price on application).
Boxwood (price on application) Reasonable

PLANTS, GOLDFISH, ETC.

Goldfish and supplies (price on application).
Poinsettias 25c to \$2.00
Cyclamen 25c to \$2.00
Primroses 15c to 50c
Potted Narcissus 15c to 75c

BASKETS, 50c and \$3.00, All Styles and Sizes.

HALF PRICE SALE of "KEWPIES"

One lot of Kewpie Dolls, \$1.50, \$1.25 and 50c sizes. These are Kewpies left over from last year. The price is much higher this year, but we will sell any of the above at JUST HALF PRICE, or—

75c 63c 25c

See them on display in the Basement.

Prepare For That Xmas Dinner NOW

RAISINS—2 Crown Sun Maid Muscat Raisins, pound

10c

RAISINS—Extra Dessert Malaga Raisins, 1 pound bundles, each

25c

MINCE MEAT—Leading Star brand Mince Meat, package

7½c

FIGS—Fancy California Figs, No. 10 package

9c

HICKORY NUTS—New large nuts, pound

6½c

RICE—Blue Rose Head Rice, 4 pounds for

25c

HAMS

Empire brand Sugar Cured Hams, 6 to 7 pounds average, while they last, pound

19c

Limit one ham.

TOMATOES—Arco brand Tomatoes, No. 2 can

10c

PINEAPPLE—Monsoon brand Hawaiian Pineapples, sliced, packed in syrup, No. 2 can

15c

MOLASSES—Glenwild brand fine Baking Molasses, No. 5 pail

20c

BRAZILS—Fancy Ju m b o Washed Brazils, pound

20c

MIXED NUTS—A choice mixture of all new nuts, per pound

20c

PEACHES—Goody Goody brand new California fruit in syrup, No. 2½ cans

17½c

PRUNES—Aurora brand California fruit, 80-90 size, pound

7½c

BASKET SHOOTERS OF NORMAL READY FOR ALUMNI GAME

Coaches Not Overly Confident of a Victory Over the Stars of 1915

After two weeks practice, the normal basketball team, the last athletic aggregation that Dr. Carl B. Sputh will coach before leaving for his new location in Indiana on February 1, is ready for its game of the season Friday night that with the alumni, or normal team of 1915, then champions of Wisconsin. Although the entire normal squad has taken a decided spurt during the last few days, the assignments of the first positions on the five are still problematic and it is a certainty that at least ten men will find their way into the contest on Friday evening.

Founding his assumption on the facts that the 1915 five has not played together for a long time and most of the men are not in ideal basketball trim, Dr. Sputh is confident of a victory for his new men, but when he looks over such former stars as Weisse, Strum, Byers, Meiner, Wachter and Jackson, however, he cannot help but expect a hard fight. Although normal fans are hopeful of a victory, there are many in the ranks who are of the opinion that the old guard will be successful in their attempts to come back and will take the contest in spite of their lack of recent training.

Coaches Sputh and Keeler have been giving their men signal practices and scrimmages every night for the past two weeks.

Ralph Bradish, who has done the refereeing for the La Crosse normal for the past few years, will perform with his selections on the whistle in the alumni contest.

LINCOLN QUOTED BY LLOYD-GEORGE BEFORE COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd-George in declaring in his speech in commons Tuesday that England and her allies are fighting for an object, the abolition of "Prussian militarism," said: "I should like to quote the words of Abraham Lincoln under similar conditions: 'We accepted the war for an object, and a world object, and the war will end when the object is attained under God. I hope it will never end until that time.'"

BONUSES AND DIVIDENDS MARK ADVENT OF YULE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The clink of Christmas money in the form of bonuses and dividends, continued to be one of the most welcome noises in the financial district Wednesday. R. M. Grant & Company distributed a ten per cent yearly salary bonus to their New York, Chicago and Boston employees.

J. S. Bache & Company distributed a twenty per cent bonus.

The Garfield National bank announced a 3 per cent quarterly dividend and a ten per cent employee bonus.

Atlantic Steel declared an extra one per cent dividend.

Equitable Trust company declared a regular quarterly dividend of six per cent, and six per cent extra dividend.

The Brooklyn Trust company declared a regular five per cent and an extra 15 per cent dividend.

The Pan-Handle railroad declared dividends of three per cent on preferred and five per cent on common stock, an increase over the last dividend.

Regular dividend declarations included:

Vandalia railroad, four per cent.

American Telephone & Telegraph company, two per cent quarterly.

Great Northern railway one and three quarters per cent quarterly.

Lehigh Valley, two and one-half per cent quarterly.

Interstate railway, three per cent semi-annually.

PRESIDENT SPRINGS SURPRISE BY GOING TO CALL ON SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson surprised everyone Wednesday when he suddenly left the white house and went to the Sixteenth street home of Senator John Sharp Williams, Mississippi, shortly after 9 o'clock.

White house attaches said they were unable to offer explanation for the visit.

The president was still at the senator's home at 10 o'clock.

Senator Williams refused to state just what had been discussed during the president's call.

"I have been ill," said Williams. "Several days ago a delegation from Mississippi called on the president. I was unable to go with them. President Wilson evidently missed me and knowing that I was anxious to consult with him on certain matters, was kind enough to call at my home today. That is all I can say."

ELKS AS SANTA CLAUS

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 21.—Green Bay Elks will act as Santa Claus Saturday afternoon to the poor children of the city. The annual Christmas festival will be held in the clubhouse, where the children will receive gifts.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEES NO BASIS FOR PEACE

ROME, Dec. 21.—Foreign Minister Sonnino said in the chamber of deputies that several resolutions introduced in the chamber in regard to the peace proposals of the central powers seemed to be based on the supposition that the government had or would have concrete and precise indications as to the bases on which negotiations would be opened.

"This supposition does not correspond with facts," the foreign minister continued. "There is no sign of conditions or bases for negotiations in the enemy's note."

Won't Consider Separate Peace

"Should propositions be made subsequently, we should consider what to do, but it would be neither practical nor proper to discuss that question today. Moreover, it should be understood clearly that no one of the entente allies could take into consideration any condition whatever which, by hypothesis, might be eventually offered to him under separate form."

"We all wish peace and lasting peace. But we consider a lasting peace to be a careful settlement whose duration depends not on the solidarity of the fetters with which one people is held subject to another, but on an exact balance among the states, based on respect for the principal nationalities, rules laid down in the laws of nations and reasons of humanity and civilization."

"If we were in the presence of genuine proposals, with bases of a nature to satisfy the general postulates of civilization and justice which I have just mentioned, none would reject them abruptly. But there is nothing to show even faintly that this is the case and there are many reasons for believing the contrary."

Lack of Sincerity

"The accent of boastfulness and the lack of sincerity which characterize the preamble to the enemy's note certainly inspire no belief that these mysterious peace conditions, which the central empires announce they have the intention of exposing later on with the object of guaranteeing the existence, honor and free development of their people, do constitute an answer to the postulates we have laid down."

Baron Sonnino appealed to the deputies of all parties, in the words of Premier Briand of France, not to permit the move of the central powers to "poison the mind of the people," and urged them to refrain from "playing the enemy's game" by giving way to rash or untimely manifestations which might implant the germs of division and discouragement.

CHICAGO TO SEE A BIG CHRISTMAS

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Christmas in Chicago will be, in dollars and cents, a hundred million dollar event and in other ways notable. The measure of the buying, however, surpassed anything seen in the middle west in all the days since old Fort Dearborn. John W. O'Leary, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce said: "I should say \$100,000,000 would be a good guess on Chicago's Christmas gifts."

PROTEST DEPORTATIONS

BELOIT, Wis., Dec. 21.—Petitions calling on President Wilson for vigorous action in behalf of humanity against alleged enslavement of Belgians, are being circulated among the faculty and students at Beloit college here.

MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE APPENDICITIS

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FOUR AMERICANS IN CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 21.—The names of the following four United States residents appeared in the overnight Canadian casualty list Wednesday:

Died of wounds—Private R. Cooney, Demingo, Newport, Vt.

Died—Private J. Burns, Quincy, Mass.; Private H. Hempstead, Tacoma, Wash.

Missing—Private M. Brown, Harrisburg, Pa.

RACINE CABARETS ARE HIT

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 21.—The punch in Racine cabarets has been taken out with action by the common

council prohibiting singing and dancing in cafes and allowing only instrumental music. Reform agitation was responsible.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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GOLD FOR PRESENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The United States sub-treasury was under

siege Wednesday. The besiegers are men and women, each holding a roll of bills to exchange for gold pieces. Officials say the demand for the

bright money for Christmas presents is greater this year than ever before.

INCREASE BONUS

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 21.—The Du Pont Powder company announced Wednesday that the 20 per cent bonus, which it has been paying for the past year to salaried employees, would be increased January 1 to thirty per cent. It was recently announced that the 20 per cent bonus being paid to its own payroll employees in the plants would have been in the regular pay for 1915.

BELIEVE THIEVES CAUGHT

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 21.—Two men held in La Crosse in connection with the fur thefts there may be members of the gang which operated here recently and stole several hundred dollars worth of furs, declared local authorities on Tuesday. A detective may be sent to La Crosse to look at the prisoners.

DENIES HE VIOLATED DRUG ACT

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—Dr. W. F. Montgomery, Eau Claire, on Wednesday pleaded not guilty in federal court here of violation of the Harrison drug act. His case was continued until the January term. Dr. Montgomery is charged with failure to account for drugs included in the Harrison act.

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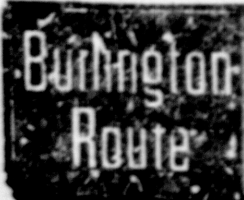
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